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ON VARIOUS BATTLE FIELDS, PHOTO-
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INTRODUCTORY

This volume is not a publication. It has been issued with the sole object in view of furnishing the officers and men of the One Hundred Thirty-first United States Infantry with a complete historical record of their achievements in the World War. To that end great care has been exercised in the compilation of tables and lists, showing engagements, elements of the regiment in battles, Corps and Armies attached to, daily disposition of units, casualty lists, strength reports, company rosters of May 30, 1918, decorations awarded, citations, etc. Company rosters are arranged to show disposition of every man who landed in France with the company, all replacements and assignments and their final disposition.

Following each name will be found a notation, if killed, wounded or gassed, when necessary to so classify. Gassed cases have been divided into two classes, serious and slight. The reason for this classification is due to the fact that men sent to Aid Stations, completely exhausted, were listed by the surgeons as slightly gassed. Large numbers of those so classified returned to the ranks in a few days, or a few hours after treatment, consisting solely of warm drinks and rest.

No record is obtainable, except through the War Department, concerning men evacuated to army hospitals, general hospitals, or S. O. S., consequently, such cases are herein listed as "Dropped from the rolls, sent to hospital on such a date, etc.," as the case may be.

There were 242 officers assigned, or attached to this regiment, between May 30, 1918, and the date of embarkation to the United States, May 14, 1919. Whenever any of these officers were found incompetent, or failed to perform the duties assigned to them in battle, or other operations, their transfer or discharge was requested at once. It is not to be assumed that any fixed proportion of the officers transferred out of the regiment came under this classification. Many were promoted, others transferred and assigned to some special duty for which their qualifications best suited them. The ideal is unattainable. In a vast army, such as was mobilized by the United States for service in this war, nearly all officers and men, with the exception of our small regular army, came from the farms, the office and the workshop. They had never been in a war before, and had no conception of the conditions of a modern battle, except such impressions as they had gained from articles in the newspapers and in training camps. It is inconceivable that any person could believe that under such

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circumstances some officers and men would not fail when put to the supreme test. Fortunately, such instances were rare. In all cases prompt and proper action was taken by the regimental commander to insure the subsequent leadership, supervision and best interests of all concerned. Those who met the test like brave men are known to their comrades, those who did not, have been passed upon by the same unfailing judgment. That is sufficient.

Due to loss of regimental records at Brest, France, the first two chapters of this volume do not contain all the details desired. Omissions, however, are unimportant.

Compilation of this history was not started until after the regiment was settled in its billet area in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Due to intensive training work, schools, terrain exercises, drill, etc., the major portion of the work was accomplished under pressure, mostly at night and by a limited number of people. Great care has been exercised to prevent errors, no doubt some will be found, especially in the spelling of names and copying co-ordinates referring to map locations. The latter may be checked by reading the different orders issued by various units.

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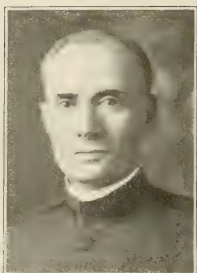
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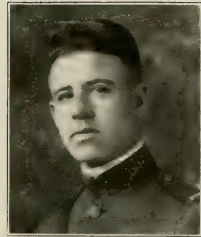
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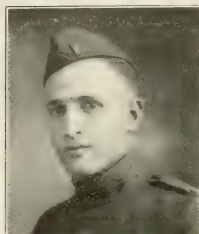
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2D LIEUT. HARRY WELLBANK



2D LIEUT. M. J. POWELL



2D LIEUT. BENJAMIN A.
BROWN



2D LIEUT. DANIEL S.
ROBINSON



2D LIEUT. THOMAS K. COBB



2D LIEUT. RAYMOND P.
LEWIS



2D LIEUT. BENJAMIN P.
HINKLE

MONTHLY RETURNS AND RECORD OF EVENTS.

1917	Strength		Gains		Losses			RECORD OF EVENTS
	Off	Men	Off	Men	Off	Men		
Mar. 26	50	874						Mobilized at armory, 16th St. & Mich. Ave., Chi. Ill.
Mar. 31	50	1168	2	262	2	47		Maj. Clinnin & Co. G to Lockport, Ill., Co. E. to Joliet, Ill., to guard power plants, Sanitary Dist. March 31, details to R. R. Bridges, 20th St. & Stewart Ave., 31st St., 95th St., So. Chicago Ave.
Apr. 30	48	1338	3	596	1	405		Apr. 18th, detachments guarding bridges re-arranged and 12 posts established.
May 31	55	1513	4	212	1	61		May 9, Co. K marched to Camp Cicero. May 23 Co. F left for Dellwood Park, Joliet, marching. May 31 Co.'s A, B, C, D, H, I, less detachments & recruits marched to Camp Cicero, left 9:45 a. m., arrived 1 p. m.
June 30	54	1784	2	294	3	23		June 4, Reg'l Band ordered to Ft. Sheridan, June 5-6 Co's E, F and G under command of Major John V. Clinnin at Ill. State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill., suppressed revolt of prisoners. Relieved by State troops.
July 31	54	1990	0	251	0	45		July 6, Co. M left for Camp Grant, July 16 M. G. Co. left for Ft. Sheridan, July 20 Co's I, K, L left for Camp Grant, Ill., from Camp Cicero, 10:35 a. m., arriving 4:40 p. m., same day.
Aug. 31	56	1958	2	42	1	74		Co's E, F, G and 2nd Bn. Hq. left Lockport, Ill., 7:20 a. m., marched 15 mi. Aug. 2, arrived in Camp Cicero Aug. 3, 31 miles. Aug. 8, 10 officers, 576 men left for Camp Grant, Aug. 13 M. G. Co. left Ft. Sheridan for Cicero, Aug. 16 band returned.
Sept. 30	56	1885	0	31	0	104		Aug. 28, F. S. & Hq. Co., M. G. Co., Supply Co., Sanitary troops & 2nd Bn. left Cicero 12:15 p. m., arrived Camp Grant 4:30 p. m.
Oct. 31	56	1968	*15	217	0	134		Sanitary Det. to Ft. Benj. Harrison, Sept. 12, Lt.-Col. 6 N. C. O's Sp. Co., M. G. Co. left Camp Grant 12:00 a. m. for Camp Logan, Texas.
Nov. 30	61	2976	7					*15 officers attached—1st Bn. left Camp Grant 1:25 p. m., 2nd Bn. 2:33 p. m., 3rd Bn. 3:22 p. m.
		Q.D.S. *16	1169	2	160			Oct. 1, 1st Sec. Lt.-Col. Eddy & 6 N. C. O's arr. in Camp Logan at 4 a. m. Oct. 3, 2nd Sec. Maj. Davis 11 a. m., Oct. 4, 3rd Sec. Major Clinnin 12:45 p. m., Oct. 4, 4th Sec. Major Bittel 2:52 p. m., Oct. 4.
Dec. 31	103	*2858	45	79	3	206		*16 attached. Nov. 2, 1st Bn. to Humble. Nov. 5, 2nd and 3rd Bns. to Rifle Range. 1st Bn. Ret. from Humble Nov. 15. Sent to Rifle Range Nov. 23, returned to Camp Nov. 26.
1918								*Including 8 ordnance Det. 1st & 2nd Bns. to Rifle Range Dec. 26. 3rd Bn. to Rifle Range Dec. 29. Sup. Co. Dec. 26 & 29.
Jan. 31	106	*3194	11	797	8	462		*Including 7 ord. Det. Jan. 24, Co. E designated Model Co. of Division S. O. 24 Par. 17, 33rd Div. Jan. 24.
Feb. 28	103	*2910	7	46	10	323		*Including 7 Ord. Det. Feb. 11, 1st Bn. in trenches, Feb. 13, 3rd Bn. Feb. 15, 48 hrs. ea.
Mar. 31	101	*2852	7	29	9	94		*Including 7 Ord. Det. Mar. 5, M. G. Co. to construct Div. Range, Mar. 6, 16 Co. E. to Rifle Range, Mar. 11, Inspection, Mar. 17, 27 Regt. less Co. E Hq. & Sp. to R. Range.
Apr. 30	95	*3639	2	1309	6	522		*Including 8 Ord. Det. & 36 candidates for comm'n's Apr. 8-17, practice march 10 days.
May 31	108	3612	32	121	19	112		Including 8 Ord. Det. Left Camp Logan May 7-9 entraining in 8 sections. Last section arrived Camp Upton May 14. Left Camp Upton for Port, May 20-21. Embarked on S. S. Leviathan. Sailed May 22. Arrived Brest, France, May 30. Marched 3 1/2 miles to Pontanezen barracks, S. O. S. Base Section No. 5.
June 30	*100	3481	2	59	10	182		*11 additional officers attached. June 2 left Pontanezen Barracks and entrained for Oisemont, France. Arrived June 4 and detrained. Billeted

MONTHLY RETURNS AND RECORD OF EVENTS—Continued

1918	Strength		Gains		Losses		RECORD OF EVENTS
	Off	Men	Off	Men	Off	Men	
							in area around Oisemont and began training. June 10-11 marched to Eu training area. June 21 marched to Gamaches and embussed for Pierregot. June 23 and 29 duty reserve trenches Vaden Line.
July 31	*95	3549	0	81	4	105	*Including 8 Ord. Det. 17 attached. 66 108th F. S. Bn. also attached 26 officers for training purposes. Under 47th British Division in trenches. Co's C & E and detachments of Co's D & K in fight at Hamel July 4. July 17-18 duty Baizieux sector reserve line. July 23 to Aug. 6 one Bn. in Baizieux sector reserve line and one Bn. in Albert Sector front line.
Aug. 31	*82	*2870	35	46	27	690	*Including 8 Ord. Det. 50 attached—12 officers attached not included. Regiment in Pierregot from June 22 to Aug. 8. On Aug. 9 5:30 p. m. 1st and 2nd Bns. with 3rd in support attacked and took Malard Wood, Chipilly Ridge and Gressaire Wood. Remained on the field and in trenches until Aug. 20. Relieved and marched via Hamel to Gailley. Aug. 21 to Aubigny. Aug. 22 to Poulainville. Aug. 24 marched to Amiens and entrained for Ligny near Verdun. Aug. 25 arrived at Ligny and billeted in Tronville area.
Sept. 30	106	*2991	23	512	21	354	*Including 8 Ord. Det. and 5 attached. Sept. 6 marched to Tronville and embussed for Balécourt-Nixeville area Sept. 9 Regt. moved into reserve Mort Homme s/s. Sept. 20 3rd Bn. in strong point Jacques, Mort Homme s/s. Sept. 22 2nd Bn. reinforced 3rd Bn. preparatory to attack. 1st Bn. in reserve. Between midnight and 5:30 a. m. Sept. 26 Regt. in Brody trench. At 5:30 a. m. formed upon BETHENCOURT-FORGES Road for attack on Forges Wood and ground north through Drillancourt and Gercourt—east to Meuse River a distance of 7 kilometers. Attack successful and troops in position along the Meuse River before Noon Sept. 26. Held position until Oct. 10.
Oct. 31	76	*2516	14	904	43	1370	*Including 7 Ord. Det. Held position on Meuse River right resting at junction of Forges Creek and Meuse River bank, left on Map Reference Verdun B 209-809. Oct. 7. 2nd Bn. detailed to 132nd Inf. for attack on Bois de Chaume Oct. 8. A. m. Oct. 10. advanced—crossed the river and took up position. Fought thru Bois de Chaume holding same until relieved night of Oct. 14-15, when Regiment recrossed river and occupied trenches west of Forges Wood. Oct. 19 to 22, Regiment marched from trenches west of Forges Wood to Thillombois Area Troyon Sector. Oct. 28, 2nd Bn. in front line at Woel, Vieville Strong Point, Mass. s/s. Oct. 29, 2nd Bn. withdrawn to Deuxnouds.
Nov. 30	84	*2697	24	522	16	337	*Including 6 Ord. Det. Nov. 6 Regiment moved to Thillot & Hannonville in the edge of the Woeyre Plain between 6 & 10 were occupied in sending out raiding parties and patrols capturing a number of prisoners. Nov. 10, began an offensive near Jonville on the Bois de Harville Woods, penetrated through German line and were awaiting orders to resume offensive on the morning of Nov. 11. Notice received at 8:30 a. m. to be on defensive only and repulse counter attacks. Armistice went into effect at 11 a. m.
Dec. 31	114	*3057	37	519	9	173	*Including 10 attached. Provisional Bn. sent to Metz & led the review on Dec. 8 in formal occupation of the city. Dec. 6 balance of Regt. started toward Germany. Dec. 7 to 14, marched from Troyon Sector to Ehen, Luxembourg, on the Moselle River. Provisional Bn. rejoined Regiment at Mercy Le Haute Dec. 10. Dec. 15, Regiment crossed Moselle River at Wormeldange into Germany and billeted in Beurig Area on Saar River. Dec. 17 to 20, returned to Luxembourg and billeted in area around Larochette, Luxembourg. Dec. 22, 1st Battalion detachments entrained for Arlon Belgium for guard duty rest of Battalion along Moselle River (German Border) guarding lines of communication.

MONTHLY RETURNS AND RECORD OF EVENTS—Continued

1919	Strength		Gains		Losses		RECORD OF EVENTS
	Off	Men	Off	Men	Off	Men	
Jan. 31	120	3305	10	394	8	155	Jan. 20, Brig. Genl. Wagstaff, British E. F. accompanied by Maj. Genl. Bell, at LAROCLETTE, LUXEMBOURG, presented Col. Sanborn, with D. S. O. and decorated one Lieut. and nineteen soldiers with medals. Jan. 28, First Battalion Hq. moved from ARLON, BELGIUM, to WECKER, LUX. Troops at ARLON relieved by 5th Division. *Including 1 Off., 6 Ord., 1 enl. man attached. Co. C moved from OETRANGE to GREVEN-MACHIER, LUX. Co. B moved from WECKER to WASSERBILLIG, LUX. *Including 1 Off., 7 Ord., 1 enl. man attached. Mar. 20, Sixth Corps Horse Show LUXEMBURG CITY. Mar. 27, Division Motor Transport Show. Mar. 28, Division terrain exercise.
Feb. 28	121	3333	5	70	2	30	Apr. 22, Review by Genl. Pershing, Medal of Honor awarded to Sgts. Jake Alex and Cpl. Thomas A. Pope, Distinguished Service Cross to 6 officers, 39 other ranks, British Military Medal to Wagoner James W. Hilton and Pvt. 1cl. William Blackwell, Croix de Guerre to Cpl. William Scholes. Regimental Colors decorated with 2 streamers. Apr. 27, First Unit of regiment began its move to port of embarkation, BREST, FRANCE. Apr. 29, Last unit left LUXEMBOURG for BREST.
Mar. 31	120	3388	2	70	2	16	Embarked May 14, on U. S. S. KAISERIN AUGUSTE VICTORIA, per Embarkation Order No. 217, dated May 12, Troop Movement Office Base Section No. 5 BREST, FRANCE.
Apr. 30	118	3348	25	49	26	88	
May 14	110	3229					

ENGAGEMENTS, 131ST INFANTRY.

1. MAJOR OPERATIONS.

THE SOMME OFFENSIVE	Aug. 8 to 19, 1918
(GRESSAIRE WOOD and CHIPILLY RIDGE Offensive)	Aug. 9 to 10, 1918
(GRESSAIRE WOOD and CHIPILLY RIDGE Defensive)	Aug. 11 to 13, 1918
(EITNEHEM-BRAY Defensive)	Aug. 13 to 20, 1918
THE ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE	Sept. 26 to Nov. 11, 1918
(BOIS de FORGES Offensive)	Sept. 26, 1918
(BOIS de FORGES SECTOR Defensive)	Sept. 27 to Oct. 9, 1918
(BOIS de CHAUME Offensive)	Oct. 8 to 9, 1918
(BOIS de CHAUME and BOIS du PLAT CHENE Offensive)	Oct. 10, 1918
(BOIS de CHAUME and BOIS du PLAT CHENE Defensive)	Oct. 11 to 19, 1918

2. ALL OTHER PARTICIPATION IN BATTLE OPERATIONS.

(a) DEFENSE OF A SECTOR	
DEFENSE of VADEN LINE, under III Corps, B. E. F.	June 23 to July 11, 1918
Defense of BAIZIEUX SECTOR, under III Corps, B. E. F.	July 17 to Aug. 7, 1918
Defense of ALBERT SECTOR,	July 24 to Aug. 6, 1918
Defense of VERDUN SECTOR (S/S MORT HOMME)	Sept. 8 to 25, 1918
Defense of TROYON-sur-MEUSE SECTOR	Oct. 23 to Nov. 8, 1918
(b) LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS	
AMIENS SECTOR (Attack on HAMEL)	July 4, 1918
TROYON SECTOR (Continuation of ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE)	
(1st raid on ST. HILAIRE)	Nov. 8, 1918
(2nd raid on ST. HILAIRE)	Nov. 9, 1918
(Attack on BOIS les HAUTES EPINES)	Nov. 10, 1918
(Attack on LA VACHERIE BOIS)	Nov. 10, 1918
(Attack on BOIS de WARVILLE)	Nov. 10, 1918
(Attack on BOIS d'HARVILLE)	Nov. 10, 1918
(Attack on LE VIEUX BOIS)	Nov. 10, 1918
(Attack on BUTGNEVILLE)	Nov. 11, 1918

OFFICIAL LIST OF DATES ON WHICH ELEMENTS OF THE REGIMENT WERE PRESENT AT BATTLES AND ENGAGEMENTS.

1. VADEN LINE	23rd June to 11th July, 1918 Regiment
2. AMIENS SECTOR	29th June to 6th July, 1918 Companies C & E, Detch. from Cos. A, K, M & D 20th June to 6th July, 1918 Companies A, B, D, F, G & H (In reserve)
3. BAIZIEUX SECTOR	Regiment—17th July to 7th Aug., 1918 1st Bn.—23rd July to 24th July 2nd Bn.—27th July to 28th July 3rd Bn.—31st July to 1st Aug. 1st Bn.—1st Aug. to 2nd Aug.
4. ALBERT SECTOR	1st Bn.—24th July to 28th July, 1918 2nd Bn.—28th July to 1st Aug. 3rd Bn.—1st Aug. to 6th Aug.
5. SOMME OFFENSIVE	Regiment—9th Aug. to 20th Aug., 1918
6. VERDUN SECTOR	Regiment—8th Sept. to 25th Sept. (In reserve) except 3rd Bn.—20th Sept. to 25th Sept. (In C. R. JACQUES) 2nd Bn.—22nd Sept. to 25th Sept. (in C. R. JACQUES)
7. ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE	Regiment—26th Sept. to 9th Oct., 1918
8. ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE	Regiment—10th Oct. to 19th Oct., 1918 2nd Bn. (With 132nd Inf.) 8th Oct. Offensive
9. TROYON SECTOR	Regiment—23rd Oct. to 11th Nov., 1918 2nd Bn. in front line at WOEL—28th Oct. to 29th Oct., 1918 2nd Bn. and 3rd Bn. in front line—6th Nov. to 11th Nov. 1st Bn. in front line—7th Nov. to 11th Nov.

LIST OF ARMIES AND CORPS UNDER WHICH THE 33RD DIVISION SERVED AFTER ARRIVAL IN FRANCE.

May 30th, 1918	II American Corps	First American Army (Administrative)
June 4th, 1918	*XIX British Corps	Fourth British Army (Tactical)
June 21st, 1918	III British Corps	Fourth Army, B. E. F.
	June 30th, 1918	1st Bn., 131st Infantry, attached to 11th Aust. Bde. 2nd Bn., 131st Infantry, attached to 4th Aust. Bde. (Complying with F. O. No. 4, 66th Inf. Bde.) Complying with F. O. No. 10, Hq. 33rd Div., Bns. were placed under orders of the 47th British Div., each Bn. being at- tached by platoons to British companies in the line for 48 hours.
	July 17th, 1918	Under F. O. No. 12, Hq. 33rd Div., Bns. were attached to troops of the 18th, 47th and 58th British Divisions. A tour of four days in the line for each Bn. as fol- lows:
	July 24th, 1918	1st Bn., July 24th, 1918. 2nd Bn., July 28th, 1918. 3rd Bn., Aug. 1st, 1918.
	Aug. 7th, 1918	131st Infantry under orders of the 58th Div., B. E. F.
August 10th, 1918	IV Australian Corps	131st Infantry placed under command of Liaison Force.
	Aug. 12th, 1918	Relieved from IV Australian Corps.
August 26th, 1918	Aug. 19th, 1918	First American Army
September 5th, 1918	V American Corps	Second French Army
September 14th, 1918	XVII French Corps	First American Army
October 6th, 1918	III American Corps	First American Army
October 22d, 1918	XVII French Corps	Second American Army
November 5th, 1918	II French Colonial Corps	Second American Army
November 14th, 1918	XVII French Corps	Second American Army
November 17th, 1918	IV American Corps	Second American Army Reserve
November 26th, 1918	IX American Corps	Second American Army Reserve
December 5th, 1918	— — —	Third American Army
December 12th, 1918	VII American Corps	Second American Army Reserve
December 17th, 1918	— — —	Second American Army
December 18th, 1918	VI American Corps	Third American Army
April 1st, 1919	— — —	— — —
April 12th, 1919	Service of Supply	— — —
*Order (May 25th, 1918) on File Hq., 33rd Div.,	placed Regiment under orders of the	
	XIX British Corps, 4th Army, B. E. F.	
	for tactical purposes and training.	

LOCATION OF REGIMENTAL P. C.'S AND UNITS OF THE 131ST INFANTRY IN EUROPE

From May 30th, 1918, Date of Arrival from U. S. to May 3rd, 1919.

UNIT	DATE	OPERATION—LOCATION
Regiment	May 30th	Disembarked at BREST, FRANCE. proceeded to PONTANEZAN BARRACKS, CAMP SHELBY—BREST, FRANCE.
Regiment	June 2nd	Entrained for forward area.
	June 3rd	Enroute.
	June 4th	Detrained at OISEMONT, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	June 4th	CAUMONT, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	June 4th	CAUMONT, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	June 4th	POULTIERES, FRANCE.
1st Bn.	June 4th	CITERN, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	June 4th	HIOQUINCOURT, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	June 4th	FRUCOURT, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	June 4th	LE TRANSLAY, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	June 5th	FRUCOURT, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	June 10th	MAIGNEVILLE, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	June 10th	MAIGNEVILLE, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	June 10th	MAIGNEVILLE, FRANCE.
1st Bn.	June 10th	Staged at BOUILLANCOURT, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	June 10th	Staged at BOUILLANCOURT, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	June 10th	Staged at BOUILLANCOURT, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	June 11th	Le MESNIL REAUME, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	June 11th	Le MESNIL REAUME, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	June 11th	Le MESNIL REAUME, FRANCE.
1st Bn.	June 11th	MILLE BOSCH, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	June 11th	MONCHY, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	June 11th	MELLEVILLE, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	June 11th	GRANDCOURT, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	June 13th	BAROMESNIL, FRANCE.
Regiment	June 21st	Marched to GAMACHES and embussed for PIERRE-GOT, FRANCE.
Regiment	June 22nd	Located at PIERREGOT, FRANCE.
Regiment	June 23rd	Reserve Trenches, duty VADEN LINE.
R. H. Q.	June 23rd	DAILY MAIL WOODS, FRANCE.
Regiment	June 24th	PIERREGOT, FRANCE.
Regiment	June 29th	Reserve Trenches, duty VADEN LINE.
R. H. Q.	June 30th	PIERREGOT, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	June 30th	PIERREGOT, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	June 30th	PIERREGOT, FRANCE.
1st Bn.	June 30th	FRECHENCOURT, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	June 30th	DAOURS, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	June 30th	PIERREGOT, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	June 30th to Aug. 8th	On S. D. with IV Aust. Corps.
1st Bn.	July 2nd	In front line in the vicinity of VILLERS-BRETTON- EAUX, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	July 2nd	do.
C. Co.	July 4th	2nd Bn. Hq. CORBIE, FRANCE.
E. Co.	July 4th	Advanced with Australians to HAMEL, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	July 5th	ALLONVILLE, FRANCE.
1st Bn.	July 6th	PIERREGOT, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	July 6th	PIERREGOT, FRANCE.
Regiment	July 17th	BAIZIEUX SECTOR.
Regiment	July 18th	BAIZIEUX RESERVE LINE.
Regiment	July 19th	PIERREGOT, FRANCE.
1st Bn.	July 23/24th	BAIZIEUX SECTOR.
2nd Bn.	July 27/28th	BAIZIEUX SECTOR.
3rd Bn.	July 31/Aug. 1	BAIZIEUX SECTOR.
1st Bn.	July 24/28th	ALBERT SECTOR.
2nd Bn.	July 28/Aug. 1	ALBERT SECTOR.
3rd Bn.	Aug. 1/6th	ALBERT SECTOR.
R. H. Q.	Aug. 8th	PIERREGOT, FRANCE. Departed in evening for forward area, bivouaced night 8/9th at FRANVILLERS.
Hq. Co.	Aug. 8th	
Sp. Co.	Aug. 8th	
3rd Bn.	Aug. 8th	
M. G. Co.	Aug. 8th	
1st Bn.	Aug. 8th	In BAIZIEUX SYSTEM.
2nd Bn.	Aug. 8th	In BAIZIEUX SYSTEM.
R. H. Q.	Aug. 8th	Colonel Sanborn, Captain Malstrom, Lt. Woodward, 1st Div., B. E. F., HELLY, FRANCE.
Staff Officer s		SAILLY LAURETTE, FRANCE. Marched through HELLY, FRANCE, to SAILLY-le-SEC, FRANCE, where they stayed from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., when they marched to MALARD WOOD. Map Ref. K.32. B.4.3. Sheet 62 D.N.E.
R. H. Q.	Aug. 9th	
Regiment	Aug. 9th	

LOCATION OF P. C.'S AND UNITS—Continued

UNIT	DATE	OPERATION—LOCATION
M. G. Co.	Aug. 9th	VAUX-SUR-SOMME, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	Aug. 9th to Aug 19th	MALARD WOOD VALLEY, Map Ref. K.32.b.4.3.
Hq. Co.	Aug. 9th to Aug 19th	Sheet 62 D-1/4000.
Sp. Co.	Aug. 9th to Aug 19th	Front Line Chipilly Ridge-GRESSAIRE WOOD EN-
Regiment	Aug. 9th to Aug 19th	GAGEMENT.
M. G. Co.	Aug. 11th	Front Line Chipilly Ridge, FRANCE.
Statistics	Aug. 19th	PIERREGOT, FRANCE.
Regiment	Aug. 19/20th	HAMEL, FRANCE.
Regiment	Aug. 20/21st	AUBIGNY, FRANCE.
Regiment	Aug. 21/22nd	POULANVILLE, FRANCE.
Regiment	Aug. 23/24th	Marched to outskirts of AMIENS, FRANCE.
Regiment	Aug. 24th	Entrained at AMIENS, FRANCE, for LIGNY, FRANCE
Regiment	Aug. 25th	Detained at LIGNY, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	Aug. 25th	Marched to SALMAGNE, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	Aug. 25th	Marched to SALMAGNE, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	Aug. 25th	Marched to SALMAGNE, FRANCE.
1st Bn.	Aug. 25th	Marched to SALMAGNE, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	Aug. 25th	Marched to GERY, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	Aug. 25th	Marched to LOISEY, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	Aug. 25th	Marched to SALMAGNE, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	Aug. 31st	SALMAGNE, FRANCE.
Regiment	Sept. 6th	Marched to TRONVILLE, FRANCE, embussed for
R. H. Q.	Sept. 7th	BALEICOURT, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	Sept. 7th	BALEICOURT, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	Sept. 7th	BALEICOURT, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	Sept. 7th	BALEICOURT, FRANCE.
1st Bn.	Sept. 7th	BOIS de SARTELLLES, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	Sept. 7th	NIXEVILLE, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	Sept. 7th	BOIS de SIVRY, near BLERCOURT, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	Sept. 9th	BOIS de La POUP, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	Sept. 9th	BOIS DELOLIME, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	Sept. 9th	BOIS DELOLIME, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	Sept. 9th	GERMONVILLE, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	Sept. 9th	(EAST) BOIS BOURRUS, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	Sept. 9th	(WEST) BOIS BOURRUS, FRANCE.
1st Bn.	Sept. 9th	Shelters of DELOLIME WOOD, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	Sept. 18th	CHOISEL FARM, FRANCE.
3rd B. H. Q.	Sept. 20th	P. C. JACQUES, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	Sept. 20th	Relieved Co. E., 132nd Inf., located at 1985-6720
R. H. Q.	Sept. 22nd	Strong Point JACQUES, Bal. of Regt. in pos. as of
3rd Bn. H. Q.	Sept. 22nd	Sept. 9th/18th.
2nd Bn.	Sept. 22nd	CHOISEL FARM, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	Sept. 23rd	1905-7385
M. G. Co.	Sept. 23rd	(EAST) BOIS BOURRUS, FRANCE, until 8 p. m.
1st Bn.	Sept. 23rd	then enroute to Strong Point JACQUES, FRANCE, at
3rd Bn.	Sept. 25th	11:30 p. m.
R. H. Q.	Sept. 26th	To 202-719, P. C. RETHEL, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	Sept. 26th	Strong Point JACQUES, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	Sept. 26th	In Reserve Trenches 202-719, N. of CHATTANCOURT,
M. G. Co.	Sept. 26th	FRANCE.
Statistics	Sept. 26th	Companies in Front Line Trenches.
R. H. Q. ADV.	Sept. 26th	P. C. RETHEL-CHATTANCOURT, FRANCE, 202-719.
Regiment	Sept. 26th	Map VERDUN.
Sp. Co.	Sept. 27/Oct. 4	Longbut, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	Oct. 4/10th	CHATTANCOURT, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	Oct. 7th	Atch. to 2nd Bn. REGIMENT went over top at 5:30
R. H. Q. ADV.	Oct. 10th	a. m.
1st Bn.	Oct. 10th	Bois DELOLIME, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	Oct. 10th	DRILLANCOURT, FRANCE.
H. Q.	Oct. 10th	Except Statistical—Front Line Trenches.
Sp. Co.	Oct. 15th	RETHEN-COURT FORGES Road, near Bois de
Sp. Co.	Oct. 15th	FORGES, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	Oct. 15/20th	CUMIERES, FRANCE.
R. H. Q. ADV.	Oct. 19th	Attached to 132nd Inf. for attack east of MEUSE
Hq. Co.	Oct. 19th	RIVER.
M. G. Co.	Oct. 10th	2360-7910 S. E. of CONSENVOYE, FRANCE.
H. Q.	Oct. 10th	Moved from trenches S. E. of CONSENVOYE,
Sp. Co.	Oct. 10/15th	FRANCE, to the Jump Off at 230-811 to 240-814. At-
R. H. Q.	Oct. 15th	tack launched at 6:05 a. m.
M. G. Co.	Oct. 15th	Attached to 2nd Bn.
Sp. Co.	Oct. 15/20th	Near Drillancourt.
R. H. Q.	Oct. 19th	BRABANT, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	Oct. 19th	DRILLANCOURT.
		Attached to 2nd Bn. located from 234-807 to 86-70.
		CUMIERES, FRANCE.
		Left DRILLANCOURT at 11 p. m. midnight still en-
		route to new area.
		Left DRILLANCOURT at 11 p. m. midnight still en-
		route to new area.

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UNIT	DATE	OPERATION—LOCATION
1-2-3 Bns.	Oct. 19th	Left DRILLANCOURT at 11 p. m. midnight still en- route to new area.
R. H. Q.	Oct. 20th	BOIS de NIXEVILLE, NORD, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	Oct. 20th	BOIS de NIXEVILLE, NORD, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	Oct. 20th	BOIS de NIXEVILLE, NORD, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	Oct. 20th	BOIS de CLAUDE, FRANCE. (Staging point.)
1st Bn.	Oct. 20th	BOIS de CLAUDE, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	Oct. 20th	BOIS de CLAUDE, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	Oct. 20th	BOIS de CLAUDE, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	Oct. 21st	Camp MONTHAIRON—260-505. Secret Map No. 155.
Hq. Co.	Oct. 21st	Camp MONTHAIRON—260-505. Secret Map No. 155.
Sp. Co.	Oct. 21st	Camp MONTHAIRON—260-505. Secret Map No. 155.
1st Bn.	Oct. 21st	Le CHANOIS—West 255-473.
2nd Bn.	Oct. 21st	FERME PONTOUX, 263-492.
3rd Bn.	Oct. 21st	Le TAMARIS—Camp "D"—285-492.
M. G. Co.	Oct. 21st	Le TAMARIS—Camp "D"—285-492.
R. H. Q.	Oct. 23rd	CHATEAU THILLOMBOIS, FRANCE, 291-425. Map
Sp. Co.	Oct. 23rd	Ref. ST. MIHIEL. CHATEAU THILLOMBOIS, FRANCE, 291-425. Map
Hq. Co.	Oct. 23rd	Ref. ST. MIHIEL. CHATEAU THILLOMBOIS, FRANCE, 291-425. Map
M. G. Co.	Oct. 23rd	Ref. ST. MIHIEL. CHATEAU THILLOMBOIS, FRANCE, 291-425. Map
2nd Bn.	Oct. 23rd	Camp GIBALTAR—286-419.
1st Bn.	Oct. 23rd	WOMBREY—341-445.
3rd Bn.	Oct. 23rd	THILLOMBOIS—291-425.
2nd Bn.	Oct. 28th	1 Co. at WOEL—3 Cos. in Bois LA HAYES, FRANCE.
I. Co.	Oct. 28th	ST. MIHIEL, FRANCE.
Regt. Band	Oct. 28th	ST. MIHIEL, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	Oct. 29th	Except I Co. to CHAILLON, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	Oct. 29th	DEUXNOUDS, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	Nov. 4th	CHAILLON, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	Nov. 4th	CHAILLON, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	Nov. 4th	CHAILLON, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	Nov. 4th	DEUXNOUDS, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	Nov. 5th	VIGNEULLES, Maps A & B, 482-486.
Hq. Co.	Nov. 5th	In vicinity 482-486.
1st Bn.	Nov. 5th	In vicinity 491-467.
2nd Bn.	Nov. 5th	In vicinity 473-581 (Bns. in Trenches and Outposts).
3rd Bn.	Nov. 5th	In vicinity 495-474.
1st Bn.	Nov. 12th	HANNONVILLE, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	Nov. 12th	HANNONVILLE, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	Nov. 12th	THILLOT, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	Nov. 12th	THILLOT, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	Nov. 12th	444-482 (MONNECK)—VIGNEULLES, Maps A & B.
K. & M. Cos.	Nov. 19th	THILLOT, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	Nov. 19th	HANNONVILLE, FRANCE.
Prov. Bn.	Dec. 5th	MARS La TOUR, FRANCE, en route to METZ, FRANCE.
Regiment	Dec. 7th	MARS La TOUR, FRANCE (except Prov. Bn.)
Prov. Bn.	Dec. 7th	LONGUEVILLE, en route to METZ, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	Dec. 8th	MONIEVILLE, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	Dec. 8th	MONIEVILLE, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	Dec. 8th	MONIEVILLE, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	Dec. 8th	MONIEVILLE, FRANCE.
1st Bn.	Dec. 8th	In Mine Bldgs. across river from MONIEVILLE, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	Dec. 8th	VALLEROY, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	Dec. 8th	HATRIZE, FRANCE.
Prov. Bn.	Dec. 8th	METZ.
R. H. Q.	Dec. 9th	MANCIEULLES, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	Dec. 9th	MANCIEULLES, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	Dec. 9th	MANCIEULLES, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	Dec. 9th	MANCIEULLES, FRANCE.
1st Bn.	Dec. 9th	MANCIEULLES, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	Dec. 9th	MAIRY, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	Dec. 9th	ANOUX, FRANCE.
Prov. Bn.	Dec. 9th	BRIEY, FRANCE.
R. H. Q.	Dec. 10th	MERCY-Le-HAUTE, FRANCE.
M. G. Co.	Dec. 10th	MERCY-Le-HAUTE, FRANCE.
Sp. Co.	Dec. 10th	MERCY-Le-HAUTE, FRANCE.
3rd Bn.	Dec. 10th	MERCY-Le-HAUTE, FRANCE.
Hq. Co.	Dec. 10th	SERROUVILLE, FRANCE.
1st Bn.	Dec. 10th	SERROUVILLE, FRANCE.
2nd Bn.	Dec. 10th	BOUDREZY, FRANCE.
Prov. Bn.	Dec. 10th	Rejoined Regiment.
R. H. Q.	Dec. 11th	SCHIFFLANGE, LUXEMBURG.
Hq. Co.	Dec. 11th	SCHIFFLANGE, LUXEMBURG.
M. G. Co.	Dec. 11th	SCHIFFLANGE, LUXEMBURG.
Sp. Co.	Dec. 11th	SCHIFFLANGE, LUXEMBURG.

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UNIT	DATE	LOCATION
1st Bn.	Dec. 11th	SCHIEFFLANGE, LUXEMBURG.
2nd Bn.	Dec. 11th	SCHIEFFLANGE, LUXEMBURG.
3rd Bn.	Dec. 11th	ESCH, LUXEMBURG.
R. H. Q.	Dec. 12th	SIREN, LUXEMBURG.
Hq. Co.	Dec. 12th	SIREN, LUXEMBURG.
Sp. Co.	Dec. 12th	SIREN, LUXEMBURG.
1st Bn.	Dec. 12th	CONTERN, LUXEMBURG.
2nd Bn.	Dec. 12th	CONTERN, LUXEMBURG.
M. G. Co.	Dec. 12th	HASSEL, LUXEMBURG.
K. & L. Cos.	Dec. 12th	WEILER, LUXEMBURG.
I. & M. Cos.	Dec. 12th	ASPELT, LUXEMBURG.
R. H. Q.	Dec. 14th	EHEN, LUXEMBURG.
Hq. Co.	Dec. 14th	EHEN, LUXEMBURG.
Sp. Co.	Dec. 14th	EHEN, LUXEMBURG.
M. G. Co.	Dec. 14th	EHEN, LUXEMBURG.
1st Bn.	Dec. 14th	COSTINGEN, LUXEMBURG.
2nd Bn.	Dec. 14th	WORMELDANGE, LUXEMBURG.
3rd Bn.	Dec. 14th	LENNINGEN, LUXEMBURG.
R. H. Q.	Dec. 15th	BEURIG, GERMANY.
Hq. Co.	Dec. 15th	BEURIG, GERMANY.
Sp. Co.	Dec. 15th	BEURIG, GERMANY.
M. G. Co.	Dec. 15th	BEURIG, GERMANY.
1st Bn.	Dec. 15th	SCHODEN, GERMANY.
2nd Bn.	Dec. 15th	SERRIG, GERMANY.
3rd Bn.	Dec. 15th	IRSCH, GERMANY.
R. H. Q.	Dec. 17th	EHEN, LUXEMBURG.
Hq. Co.	Dec. 17th	EHEN, LUXEMBURG.
Sp. Co.	Dec. 17th	EHEN, LUXEMBURG.
M. G. Co.	Dec. 17th	EHEN, LUXEMBURG.
1st Bn.	Dec. 17th	COSTINGEN, LUXEMBURG.
2nd Bn.	Dec. 17th	WORMELDANGE, LUXEMBURG.
3rd Bn.	Dec. 17th	LENNINGEN, LUXEMBURG.
R. H. Q.	Dec. 20th	LAROCIETTE, LUXEMBURG.
Hq. Co.	Dec. 20th	LAROCIETTE, LUXEMBURG.
Sp. Co.	Dec. 20th	LAROCIETTE, LUXEMBURG.
E. & F. Cos.	Dec. 20th	LAROCIETTE, LUXEMBURG.
G. & H. Cos.	Dec. 20th	HEFFINGEN, LUXEMBURG.
I. L. & M. Cos.	Dec. 20th	FISCHBACH, LUXEMBURG.
K. Co.	Dec. 20th	SCHOOS, LUXEMBURG.
M. G. Co.	Dec. 20th	SCHOOS, LUXEMBURG.
B. C. & D. Cos.	Dec. 20th	OETRINGEN, LUXEMBURG.
A. Co.	Dec. 20th	WECKER, LUXEMBURG.
1st Bn. P. C.	Dec. 22nd	Bn. P. C.—C. & B. Cos. less 1 Plat. of B. Co. ARLON, BELGIUM.
B. Co. Plat	Dec. 22nd	OETRANGE, LUXEMBURG.
A. Co.	Dec. 22nd	WECKER, LUXEMBURG.
D. Co.	Dec. 22nd	STEINFORT, LUXEMBURG.
Co. I. & K.	Dec. 28th	GODBRANGE, LUXEMBURG.
Co. B., less 4 Platoons	Dec. 30th	WECKER, LUXEMBURG.
1 Plat.	Dec. 30th	ARLON, BELGIUM.
1 Plat.	Dec. 30th	WASSERBILIG, LUXEMBURG.
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Cos. G. & H.	Jan. 5th, '19	MEDERNACH, LUXEMBURG.
Cos. I. & K.	Jan. 5th, '19	HEFFINGEN, LUXEMBURG.
Co. K.	Jan. 12th	NOMMERN, LUXEMBURG.
1st Bn.	Jan. 25th	WECKER, LUXEMBURG.
Co. A.	Jan. 25th	WECKER, LUXEMBURG.
1 Plat.	Jan. 25th	MANTERNACH, LUXEMBURG.
10 men G. D.	Jan. 25th	BETZDORF, LUXEMBURG.
1 Plat.	Jan. 25th	BERBOURG, LUXEMBURG.
Co. B.	Jan. 25th	WECKER, LUXEMBURG.
1 Plat.	Jan. 25th	WASSERBILIG, LUXEMBURG.
1 Plat.	Jan. 25th	MERTT, LUXEMBURG.
1 Plat.	Jan. 25th	BERBOURG, LUXEMBURG.
Co. C.	Jan. 25th	OETRANGE, LUXEMBURG.
Co. F.	Feb. 22nd	REULAND, LUXEMBURG.
Co. B.	Feb. 24th	WASSERBILIG, LUXEMBURG.
Co. C.	Feb. 24th	GREVENMACHER, LUXEMBURG.
Co. B.	Apr. 8th	MANTERNACH.
Co. A.		WECKER.
		MANTERNACH.
Co. Hq.		BETZDORF.
Co. C.		WECKER.
Co. A.	Apr. 10th	WORMELDANGE.
1st Bn.	Apr. 27th	GREVENMACHER.
		PORT OF EMBARKATION: BREST, FRANCE.
		(Arrived May 1st, 1919.)
2nd Bn.	Apr. 27th	PORT OF EMBARKATION: BREST, FRANCE.
		(Arrived May 2nd, 1919.)

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UNIT	DATE	LOCATION
3rd Bn.	Apr. 28th	PORT OF EMBARKATION: BREST, FRANCE. (Arrived May 2nd, 1919.)
M. G. Co.		PORT OF EMBARKATION: BREST, FRANCE. (Arrived May 2nd, 1919.)
R. H. Q.	Apr. 29th	PORT OF EMBARKATION: BREST, FRANCE. (Arrived May 3rd, 1919.)
Med. Det.		PORT OF EMBARKATION: BREST, FRANCE. (Arrived May 3rd, 1919.)
Sp. Co.		PORT OF EMBARKATION: BREST, FRANCE. (Arrived May 3rd, 1919.)
Hq. Co.		PORT OF EMBARKATION: BREST, FRANCE. (Arrived May 3rd, 1919.)

LIST OF OFFICER CASUALTIES.

131ST INFANTRY.

No.	Rank	Name	Casualty	Date	Action	Remarks
1.	2nd Lt.	Beauvais, Walter E., Co. M,	Killed,	Nov. 10, 1918,	Bois de Harville.	
2.	1st Lt.	DeVaney, Frank, Co. B,	Killed,	Aug. 9, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
3.	1st Lt.	Dickson, H. A., Co. F,	Killed,	Aug. 10, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
4.	2nd Lt.	Endes, David O., Co. E,	Killed,	Aug. 12, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
5.	2nd Lt.	Frieburg, Hyman, Co. E,	Killed,	Aug. 9, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
6.	1st Lt.	Hackett, Harry E., Co. G,	Killed,	Aug. 9, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
7.	2nd Lt.	Horton, Harding F., Co. C,	Killed,	Oct. 12, 1918,	Boise de Chaume.	
8.	2nd Lt.	Joos, William A., Co. G,	Killed,	Aug. 10, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
9.	2nd Lt.	Lee, John C., Co. G,	Killed,	Aug. 10, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
10.	1st Lt.	Marchant, John R., Co. D,	Killed,	Oct. 10, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
11.	2nd Lt.	Schrauer, Maurice V., Co. G,	Killed,	Sept. 26, 1918,	Boise de Forges.	
12.	2nd Lt.	Simpson, William E., Co. E,	Killed,	Nov. 10, 1918,	Bois de Harville.	
13.	2nd Lt.	Wilson, Milton E., Co. I,	Killed,	Nov. 11, 1918,	Bois de Harville.	
14.	2nd Lt.	Wellbank, H., Co. M.,	Wd/sev/shr,	Aug. 12, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
15.	1st Lt.	Belt, Elden L., Co. A,	Gas/slt,	Oct. 12, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
16.	2nd Lt.	Bosselmann, Rudolph L., Co. C,	Wd/sev/shl,	Aug. 12, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
17.	1st Lt.	Brown, Leon L., Co. K,	Gas/slt,	Nov. 11, 1918,	Bois les Hautes Epines.	
18.	Capt.	Bridges, Melvin W., Co. M,	Wd/sev/M.G.,	July 22, 1918,	Albert Sector.	
19.	1st Lt.	Broche, Arthur T., Co. A,	Wd/sev/M.G.,	Oct. 10, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
20.	1st Lt.	Casey, Thomas V., Co. G,	Wd/slt/M.G.,	Nov. 11, 1918,	Bois de Harville.	
21.	Major	Cheney, Harry E., 1st Bn.,	Wd/sev/shr,	July 4, 1918,	Attack on Hamel.	
22.	1st Lt.	Dick, Henry J., Co. H,	Wd/sev/M.G.,	Aug. 9, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
23.	2nd Lt.	Fitzpatrick, Frank G., Co. M,	Wd/sev. GS.,	Oct. 8, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
24.	2nd Lt.	Fitzpatrick, Frank G., Co. M,	Wd/slt/shr,	Aug. 17, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
25.	2nd Lt.	Frank, Christian J., Co. H,	Wd/sev/shl,	Oct. 8, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
26.	1st Lt.	Frisbie, Frank F., Co. I,	Wd/slt/shr,	Oct. 10, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
27.	Capt.	Gale, Carroll M., Co. C,	Wd/slt/GS.,	Oct. 10, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
28.	2nd Lt.	Guilfoyle, Thomas M., Co. I,	Wd/sev/unk,	Sept. 26, 1918,	Boise de Forges.	
29.	2nd Lt.	Hinkle, Benjamin P., Co. L,	Wd/slt/shr,	Nov. 10, 1918,	Bois de Harville.	Died
30.	2nd Lt.	Heyl, John, Co. C,	Wd/sev/GS.,	Aug. 10, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
31.	1st Lt.	Jefferson, Albert G., Co. C,	Wd/sev/shr,	July 4, 1918,	attack on Hamel.	
32.	2nd Lt.	Johnson, Frank A., Co. D,	Wd/sev/shr,	July 4, 1918,	attack on Hamel.	
33.	2nd Lt.	King, Harold M., Co. C,	Gas/slt,	Aug. 14, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
34.	1st Lt.	Kuehn, Albert W., Co. K,	Wd/sev/shr,	Oct. 12, 1918,	Boise de Chaume.	
35.	1st Lt.	Lewis, Raymond P., Co. L,	Shell shk,	Oct. 8, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
36.	2nd Lt.	Lyon, Glenn L., M.G.,	Gas/slt,	Oct. 12, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
37.	2nd Lt.	Nichols, Halton L., Co. H,	Wd/slt/GS.,	Oct. 10, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
38.	1st Lt.	Murphy, Glenn C., Co. E,	Gas/slt,	Oct. 11, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
39.	Capt.	Preston, Louis B., Co. B,	Gas/sev,	Oct. 17, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
40.	2nd Lt.	Plummer, Elmer R., Co. E,	Wd/sev/shr,	July 4, 1918,	attack on Hamel.	
41.	Capt.	Porter, Charles M., Co. E,	Gas/sev,	Oct. 10, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
42.	2nd Lt.	Postal, Harry F., Co. A,	Wd/sev/M.G.,	Aug. 9, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
43.	1st Lt.	Ruesnow, Edward L., Co. G,	Wd/sev/shl,	Aug. 9, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
44.	1st Lt.	Schultz, William J., Co. L,	Wd/slt/GS.,	Sept. 26, 1918,	Boise de Forges.	
45.	1st Lt.	Shantz, Joseph E., 3rd Bn.,	Wd/sev/shr,	Oct. 10, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
46.	2nd Lt.	Sherwood, George F., Co. G,	Wd/sev/shl,	Oct. 8, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
47.	2nd Lt.	Spencer, James C., Co. B,	Wd/slt/shl,	Oct. 10, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
48.	1st Lt.	Stores, Richard M., Co. F,	Wd/sev/M.G.,	Nov. 11, 1918,	Boise de Harville.	
49.	2nd Lt.	Pinto, Rene W.,	Wd/sev/shl,	Aug. 9, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
50.	2nd Lt.	Schmidt, George F., Co. F,	Wd/slt,	Aug. 9, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
51.	1st Lt.	Slack, John W., Co. I,	Gas/slt,	Sept. 26, 1918,	Bois de Forges.	
52.	1st Lt.	Tapper, Charles P., Co. C,	Wd/slt/shl,	Aug. 12, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
53.	1st Lt.	Thompson, Walter C., Co. A,	Wd/sev/GS.,	Oct. 9, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
54.	2nd Lt.	Tillson, Frank, Co. H,	Gas/sev,	Oct. 11, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
55.	1st Lt.	Weimer, Herman H., Co. H,	Wd/unk/M.G.,	July 4, 1918,	attack on Hamel.	
56.	1st Lt.	Weimer, Herman H., Co. H,	Wd/slt/unk,	Oct. 8, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
57.	2nd Lt.	Westman, Robert C., Co. F,	Wd/sev/shl,	Aug. 10, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
58.	1st Lt.	Westerman, Lawrence, Co. M,	Wd/sev/shl,	Aug. 10, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
59.	2nd Lt.	Whitney, Francis W., Co. C,	Wd/slt/unk,	Oct. 11, 1918,	Bois de Chaume.	
60.	2nd Lt.	Wilson, Milton E., Co. I,	Gas/slt,	Aug. 10, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
61.	2nd Lt.	Zust, Ernest A., Co. F,	Wd/sev/GS.,	Aug. 9, 1918,	Gressaire Wood.	
62.	Capt.	Gano, Henry A., Co. I,	Gas/sev,	Oct. 10, 1918,	Bois de Forges.	

CASUALTY TABLE—BY ENGAGEMENTS—(OFFICERS).

Date	Engagement	Killed	Wounded sev.	slt.	Gassed	Shell shock	Total
July 4, 1918—	AMIENS SECTOR (attack on Hamel)	0	4	1	0	0	5
July 27 to Aug. 8, 1918—	ALBERT SECTOR (defense of)	0	1	0	0	0	1
Aug. 9 to 20, 1918—	SOMME OFFENSIVE (Gressaire Wood, Chipilly Ridge)	7	9	4	2	0	22
Sept. 26 to Oct. 9, 1918—	ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE (Bois de Forges, West bank of Meuse)	1	1	1	2	0	5
Oct. 10 to 14, 1918—	ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE (Bois de Chaume, Bois de Plat-Chene)	2	7	6	6	1	22
Nov. 7 to 11, 1918—	TROYON SECTOR (St. Hilaire, Bois de Harville, Bois de Warville, Bois de Hautes Epines, Butgneville La Vachere Bois)	3	1	2	1	0	7
Totals		13	23	14	11	1	62

CASUALTY TABLE—BY ENGAGEMENTS—(MEN).

Engagements	Killed and died of wounds	Wounded severe	slight	Gassed severe	slight	Shell shock	Total
Defense of Amiens Sector from June 21 to Aug. 8, 1918	6	4	25		7		42
Defense of Amiens Sector (attack on Hamel), July 4, 1918	15	11	40	10	30	1	107
Somme Offensive (attack on Gressaire Woods and Chipilly Ridge), Aug. 9-10, 1918	70	144	228	7	95	2	546
Somme Offensive (defense of Liaison Force Sector), Aug. 11 to 20, 1918	26	55	142	14	106	1	344
Defense of Verdun Sector (Mort Homme s/s), Sept. 8-25, 1918			1				1
Argonne-Meuse Offensive (attack on Bois de Forges), Sept. 26, 1918	21	15	132		8		176
Argonne-Meuse Offensive (defense of Vilosnes-Consenvoye s/s), Sept. 27 to Oct. 9, 1918	12	3	33	2	11	1	62
Argonne-Meuse Offensive (attack on Bois de Chaume and Bois du Plat Chene), Oct. 8-10, 1918	60	25	171	9	219		484
Argonne-Meuse Offensive (defense of Bois de Chaume and Bois du Plat Chene), Oct. 11-14, 1918	17	12	67	2	43	1	142
Argonne-Meuse Offensive (defense of Vilosnes-Consenvoye s/s), Oct. 15 to 19, 1918	4	3	41	2	338		388
Argonne-Meuse Offensive (defense of Troyon Sector), (Massachusetts s/s), Oct. 23 to Nov. 11, 1918	25	15	116	3	37		196
1st raid on St. Hilaire Nov. 8							
2nd raid on St. Hilaire, Nov. 9							
Attacks on							
Bois de Hautes Epines, Nov. 10							
La Vachere Bois, Nov. 10							
Bois de Warville, Nov. 10							
Bois de Harville, Nov. 10							
Le Vieux Bois, Nov. 10							
Butgneville, Nov. 11							
ACCIDENTAL	4		4				8
NOT PLACED	2		8				10
TOTAL	262	287	1008	49	894	6	2506

MISSING AND PRISONERS

ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE.

Attack on BOIS DE CHAUME, Oct. 9th, 1918. Subsequently accounted for as follows:
 Boyd, Alonzo, 2872959, Pvt. Co. G—Missing to Prisoner (Released Auth. GHQ).
 Dworsakoski, Andrew, 2299958, Pvt. Co. E—Admitted to B.H.64—sent to U. S.
 Harvey, Walter D., 3169089, Pvt. Co. G—Missing to Prisoner (Released Auth. 33rd Div.).
 Johnson, Olaf, 1388421, Cpl. Co. L—Missing to killed.
 Manusevitch, Harry, 2428193, Pvt. Co. K—Missing to killed.
 Mercer, Charles, 3486721, Pvt. Co. G—Missing to sick in hospital.
 Ferbstein, Hyman, 1945551, Pvt. Co. G—Prisoner—DARMSTADT, Ger. (Auth. G.H.Q.).
 Pisknowicz, Adam, 1386935, Pvt. Co. C—Missing to wounded, Ret. to Duty 12/24/18.
 Stevens, Girlie, 1873833, Pvt. Co. L—Missing to wounded, B.H.66 1/9/19.

ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE.

Attacks on ST. HILAIRE and BOIS de HARVILLE Nov. 9th to 11th, 1918:
 Kuklosky, Alik, 3170369, Pvt. Co. I—Missing to Sick in Hosp. (Ret. to U. S.).
 Nesbitt, Judge, 1977594, Pvt. Co. M—Missing to wounded (C. Camp A.P.O. 780).
 Simmons, Orla R., 1977995, Pvt. Co. M—Killed—Buried at EBUTERRE, 11/8/18.
 McNeil, George C., 3501654, Pvt. Co. K—Missing to Prisoner (1st Dep. Div.) 12/19/18.
 Martz, Howard B., 3767150, Pvt. Co. G—Gassed.
 Comer, Donald, 2866868, Pvt. Co. F—Missing to wounded, 11/10/18.
 Esser, Werner R., 2868108, Pvt. Co. F—Missing to sick—Tr. to Repl. Div. 11/24/19.
 Villordi, Anthony, 4086554, Pvt. Co. F—Missing, 11/10/18.
 Hridhammer, Sverre, 1388291, Pvt. Co. K—Missing to Gassed, 11/10/18.

PRISONERS.

ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE.

Attack on BOIS de CHAUME, Oct. 9th & 10th, 1918:
 Brewer, John S., 2873075, Pvt. Co. G—Released (Auth. 33rd Div.).
 Ball, Ernest T., 288112, Pvt. Co. G—Returned to Duty, 12/16/18.
 Bees, Everett, 2696214, Pvt. Co. G—Returned to Duty, 12/2/18.
 Cobbs, Herman E., 2968006, Pvt. Co. G—Prisoner to sick B.H.109, 1/6/19.
 Fairchild, Herbert F., 2966906, Pvt. Co. L—Prisoner to sick B.H.76, 12/24/18.
 Hotchkiss, Walter, 1387696, Mech. Co. G—Prisoner to wounded, 12/28/18.
 Goe, Clyde, 3175096, Pvt. Co. D—Returned to duty, 12/4/18.
 Kanne, William, 1388294, Pvt. Co. K—Returned to duty, 1/12/19.
 Mambourg, Frank J., 1388433, Pvt. Co. L—Missing to prisoner.
 Muhlike, Orin H., 1887771, Pvt. Co. G—Prisoner to sick—B.H.76, 1/24/19.
 Rettinger, Martin A., 2060993, Pvt. Co. G—Prisoner to sick—B.H.1, 12/14/18.
 Rorah, Clyde F., 3490928, Pvt. Co. G—Released (Auth. 33rd Div.).
 Schwab, Edward A., 1387787, Pvt. Co. G—Released (Auth. 33rd Div.).
 Villano, Ralph D., 2055246, Pvt. Co. G—Released (Auth. 33rd Div.).
 Wesley, James, 2065246, Pvt. Co. G—Released (Auth. 33rd Div.).
 Westfall, Frank, Pvt. Co. F—Returned to duty, 12/2/18.

ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE.

Attacks on Bois de HARVILLE Nov. 10th, 1918:
 Anderson, Leroy, 1st Sgt. Co. I—Prisoner to Released (Through Justice Henencourt—B.H.).
 Dunford, George M., 1st Lt. Co. I—Returned to duty, 11/19/18.
 Douglas, Julian L., 1st Lt. Co. G—Returned to duty, 11/19/18.

Total Missing.....	18
Total Prisoners.....	19
Total Missing and Prisoners, Nov. 11, 1919.....	37

RECAPITULATION, MAR. 30, 1919.

Missing:	
From Missing to killed.....	3
From Missing to wounded.....	4
From Missing to gassed.....	2
From Missing to Sk in Hosp.....	4
From Missing to prisoner.....	4
Still Missing.....	1
Total.....	18

TOTAL ADVANCES 131ST INF. REGT.

ENGAGEMENTS	TERRAIN	DATE	METERS
AMIENS SECTOR (Attack on Hamel)	Rolling, hilly & wooded with flats near south and east bank of SOMME River	July 4, 1918	3000
SOMME OFFENSIVE	Steep hills & wooded terrain north & west bank of the SOMME RIVER	Aug. 9-10, 1918	4115
GRESSAIRE WOOD & CHIPPILLY RIDGE		Aug. 13, 1918	
ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE	Swamp at foot of MORT HOMME, Forges creek, then rolling hills with patches of wood to flats west bank of MEUSE between Bois de FORGES & Bois JURE	Sept. 26, 1918	7000
West of the MEUSE			
ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE	Steep slopes east of MEUSE River flats	Oct. 8, 1918	4000
East of the MEUSE (2nd Bn. attached to 132nd Inf.)			
ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE	Steep hills & deep ravines heavily wooded and thick underbrush through Bois de CHAUME & Bois DuPLAT	Oct. 10, 1918	2500
East of the MEUSE (1st and 3rd Bns.)	CHENE		
ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE	Flat Marsh & open plain cut by small streams at far end of which was dense woods and underbrush in Bois De Les HtesEPINES, Bois de WARVILLE, Bois d'HARVILLE & LeVACHERIE Bois	Nov. 10, 1918	4000
TROYON SECTOR			
		TOTAL	24,615

ENEMY GUNS AND MATERIAL CAPTURED 131ST INF. REGT.

ENGAGEMENTS	Heavy Art.	Light Art.	Trench Mortars	Mach. Guns	Rifles	MATERIAL
AMIENS SECTOR (Attack on HAMMEL) June 4, 1918				3	25	Note figures taken on basis of 1/4 of total of M. G. & T. M's captured which corresponds to the percentage of 131 to total forces engaged.
SOMME OFFENSIVE	2	28	2	100	59	1 German Airplane. Equipment, Ammunition, Rifles & Material not counted.
GRESSAIRE WOOD & CHIPPILLY RIDGE Aug. 9 to 19, 1918						
ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE	3	13		52		
West of the MEUSE Sept. 26/Oct. 9, 1918						1 Narrow gauge R. R. Sup. Tracks & Sidings 14 Cars Flat 5 Cars Gravel 8 Cars Box 1 Motor Ambulance 1 Large Supply Depot (partial contents listed) 130500 S. A. A. (German) 600 3" Shells 750 Werf Grenades 7900 Hand Grenades 4150 Signals & Flares 10000 Pieces Lumber 14000 Spikes 8000 Stands, Barbed Wire 900 Picks 400 Shovels Enormous amounts of R. R. Ties, Wire, Screens, Duck Boards, Paper, Signal Supplies, Gasoline Motors, etc. 19 Automatic Rifles (Lewis) 1750 77MM Shells 100 Trench Mortar Shells 72000 S. A. A. (German) 30000 Lewis Gun Ammunition 1000 Hand Grenades Large amounts of clothing & equipment not salvaged for lack of time and men
ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE						
East of the MEUSE Oct. 10 to 14, 1918	16		1	31	207	
ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE (TRYON SECTOR) Nov. 7 to 11, 1918				2		
TOTALS	5	57	6	210	266	

ENEMY PRISONERS CAPTURED 131ST INF. REGT.

ENGAGEMENTS	DATE	OFS.	MEN	REMARKS
AMIENS SECTOR (Attack on HAMEL)	July 4, 1918	4	439	Captured by Company C. 150 and by Co. E 4 Officers, 289 Men (from reports of Capt. Gale and Capt. Weimer) no British report available
SOMME OFFENSIVE GRESSAIRE WOOD & CHIPILLY RIDGE	Aug. 9 & Aug. 10, 1918	3	697	From estimated reports Bn. Commanders & Regtl. Intel. Ofcr. of prisoners forwarded to British, P. of W. Cage no British report available.
ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE West of the MEUSE	Sept. 26 to Oct. 9, 1918		650	From estimated reports of Bn. & Regtl. Intel. Officers, no distinction made as to officers or men
ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE East of the MEUSE	Oct. 10 to Oct. 15, 1918	4	226	Receipts on file with Regimental Intelligence Officer
ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE TROYON SECTOR	Nov. 7 to Nov. 11, 1918	1	76	Receipts on file with Regtl. Intel. Officer. (Note 6 of this total were captured in the morning of Nov. 11, 1918.)
TOTAL			12	2088

CODE CALLS—DEPARTMENTAL—33RD DIV.

(For reference in reading orders and messages.)

33rd Div. Hq.	PATTERSON	1st Bn.	PISTOL
C. of S. G-1.	PACIFIC	2nd Bn.	PIPER
C. of S. G-2.	PACKARD	3rd Bn.	PLATTSBURG
C. of S. G-3.	PADUCAH	123rd M. G. Bn.	PHANTON
Div. Adjutant	PAGEANT	A Co.	PHOSGENE
Surgeon	PAINTING	B Co.	PHOENIX
Ord. Ofcr.	PALISADE	C Co.	PHILLIPINE
Subsistence	PALL MALL	B Co.	PHILADELPHIA
Q. M.	PALMETTO	66th Inf. BRIGADE.	PLATTE
Statistical	PANAMIST	131st Inf.	PLIABLE
Inspector.	PANAMA	1st Bn.	PLYMOUTH
J. A.	PAN HANDLE	2nd Bn.	PARALYSIS
Gas Officer.	PANIC	3rd Bn.	PADLOCK
Billeting Ofcr.	PANTHER	132nd Inf.	PANCAKE
Postal	PANTOGRAPH	1st Bn.	PARISH
Signal	PARADE	2nd Bn.	PARLIMENT
M. G.	PARALLEL	3rd Bn.	PARTICIPATE
Finance	PARAMOUNT	124th M. G. Bn.	PHOSPHORUS
Mobile Lab.	PARASITE	A Co.	PHRENOLOGY
Hq. Troop.	PAROLE	B Co.	PITTSBURG
108th F. S. Bn.	PARSCOPE	C Co.	PINNACLE
Tn. Hq. & M. P.	PARSON	D Co.	PICADILLY
1st Co.	PARTIAL	122nd M. G. Bn.	PENNSYLVANIA
2nd Co.	PASSWORD	A Co.	PENSACOLA
3rd Co.	PATRIOT	B Co.	PENTECOST
Eng. Hq.	PEACE	52nd F. A. Brigade.	PERJURY
1st Bn.	PEASANT	104th F. A.	PERMANENT
2nd Bn.	PEKIN	1st Bn.	PERMANGANATE
Eng. Train.	PEMBERTON	2nd Bn.	PERMISSION
Supply	PEDIGREE	105th F. A.	PERPENDICULAR
Ammunition Train.	PENDULUM	1st Bn.	PERSUADE
Sanitary Train.	PENINSULAR	2nd Bn.	PERVADING
129 F. H. Co.	PERCH	106th F. A.	PERU
130th F. H. Co.	PERFORM	1st Bn.	PESO
131st F. H. Co.	PERFECTION	2nd Bn.	PENITENTIARY
132nd F. H. Co.	PERFUME	52nd F. A. Brigade O. P.	PACE
129th F. A. Co.	PAWNEE	104th F. A. O. P.	PELICAN
130th F. A. Co.	PENZANCE	1st Bn. O. P.	PADDLE
131st F. A. Co.	PERCIVAL	2nd Bn. O. P.	PAINLESS
65th Infantry Brigade.	PICANNINNY	105th F. A. O. P.	PERLE
129th Inf.	PINE TREE	1st Bn. O. P.	PANORAMA
1st Bn.	PINOCHLE	2nd Bn. O. P.	PANTRY
2nd Bn.	PINKERTON	106th F. A. O. P.	PASSOVER
3rd Bn.	PICTURESQUE	1st Bn. O. P.	PARACHUTE
130th Inf.	PILOT	2nd Bn. O. P.	PARADISE
		3rd Bn. O. P.	PARBOIL
		3rd Bn. P. C.	PARROT

CODE CALLS FOR TELEPHONE USE—INDIVIDUAL.

No.	ARMY	ARMY ART.	CORPS	DIV.	BGDE.	REG'T	BN. CO.	No.
1.	C. G.	C. G.	C. G.	C. G.	C. G.	COL.	C. O.	1
2.	A. D. C.	A. D. C.	A. D. C.	A. D. C.	A. D. G.	Lt. CO.		2
3.	C. of S.	C. of S.	C. of S.	C. of S.				3
4.	Sec. G. S.		Sec. G. S.					4
5.	G-1.		G-1.	G-1.				5
6.	G-2.	INF.	G-2.	G-2.	INT. O.	INT. O.	INT. O.	6
7.	G-3.	OPR.	G-3.	G-3.	OPR. O.	OPR. O.		7
8.	G-4.							8
9.	G-5.							9
10.	SIG.	ART. SIG.	SIG.	SIG.	SIG.	SIG.	SIG.	10
11.	A. G.	ADJ.	A. G.	A. G.	ADJ.	ADJ.	ADJ.	11
12.	I. G.		I. G.	I. G.				12
13.	J. A.		J. A.	J. A.				13
14.	C. Q. M.		C. Q. M.	C. Q. M.		SUP. O.	SUP. O.	14
15.	C. SURG.	SURG.	C. SURG.	C. SURG.	SURG.	SURG.	SURG.	15
16.	C. E. O.	ENG.	C. E. O.					16
17.	M. T. S.			M. T. S.				17
18.	C. O. O.	ORD.	C. O. O.	C. O. O.				18
19.	C. A. S.		C. A. S.					19
20.	C. C. W. S.		C. C. W. S.	C. C. W. S.		GAS O.	GAS. O.	20
21.	P. M. G.		P. M. G.	P. M.				21
22.	C. T. C.		C. T. C.					22
23.	C. G. ART.		C. G. ART.					23
24.	HDQ. COM.		HDQ. COM.	HDQ. TR.	HDQ. DET.	HDQ. CO.	HDQ. DT.	24
25.	FR. MISS.		FR. MISS.	FR. MIS.				25
26.				M. G. O.				26
27.				STRT. O.				27

CODE CALLS 131ST INFANTRY.

COMPANY CALLS.

Hdqrs. Co.	CHICAGO	G. Co.	PHILADELPHIA
M. G. Co.	BOSTON	H. Co.	DENVER
A. Co.	NEW YORK	I. Co.	OMAHA
B. Co.	ST. LOUIS	K. Co.	LITTLE ROCK
C. Co.	DETROIT	L. Co.	PEORIA
D. Co.	CINCINNATI	M. Co.	GALVESTON
E. Co.	MILWAUKEE		T. M. Plat.
F. Co.	SAN FRANCISCO		CANNON PLAT.

BRITISH CODE CALLS.

131st Infantry Liaison Forces.

STATION CODE CALLS—	LIAISON FORCE—
Liaison Force, H. Q.	58th Div. Arty. Hq.
13th Austr. Inf. Bde.	290th Bde. R. F. A.
13th A. I. Bde. Sig. Co.	"A" Battery
49th Battalion	"B" Battery
50th Battalion	"C" Battery
51st Battalion	"D" Battery
13th A. L. T. M. Bty.	291st Bde. R. F. A.
D. Co., 13th A. M. G. Bn.	"A" Battery
131st American Inf. Regt.	"B" Battery
1st Bn.	"C" Battery
2nd Bn.	"D" Battery
3rd Bn.	58th Bde. R. H. A.
124th American M. G. Bn.	13th Aust. Field Ambulance.
1st Company	13th Field Co. Aust. Engrs.
2nd Company	27th Co. 4th Aust. Div. Train.
3rd Company	
4th Company	

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS VOLUME.

1st Sgt.—first sergeant	A. P. O. —American post office
A. C.—ambulance company	A. M.—morning
A. D. C.—aide de camp	Am.—ammunition
Adj.—adjutant	Amb.—ambulance
A. D. M. S.—division adjutant mobile section	Am. Inf.—American infantry
A. D. S.—advanced dressing station	Am. Tn.—ammunition train
Adv. Gd.—advance guard	Approx.—approximately
Aero Sq.—aero squadron	Art.—artillery
A. G.—adjutant general	Asst. C. of S.—assistant chief of staff
A. I. Bde.—Australian Infantry Brigade.	Aus.-Aust.—Australian
Bde.—brigade	Brig.—brigade
B. H.—base hospital	Brig. F. A.—field artillery brigade
Bn.—battalion	Brig. Gen.—brigadier general
Bn. Sgt. Maj.—battalion sergeant major	Brit.—British
C.—chief	C. O.—commanding officer
C. A. S.—chief of air service	C. O. O.—chief ordnance officer
C. R. A.—reserve corps artillery	C. of S.—chief of staff
Capt.—captain	Col.—colonel
Cav.—cavalry	Comdg.—commanding
Cav. Div.—cavalry division	Comd'r—commander
C. C. W. S.—chemical warfare service	Coy.—company
Cent.—central	Cpl.—corporal
C. G.—commanding general	C. Tn.—combat train
Co.—company	
D. A.—divisional artillery	Div.—infantry division
Dep.—depot	Divl.—divisional
Detach.—detachment	DT.—detachment
E.—east	Engrs.—engineers
Eng.—English	E. O.—engineer officer
F. O.—field order	F. S. R.—field service regulations
Fr. Miss.—French mission	F. Tn.—field train
Gd.—guard	G. O.—general order
Gen.—general	G. O. C.—general officer commanding
G. H. Q.—general headquarters	
H. A.—heavy artillery	Hq. or Hdq.—headquarters
Hdq. Com.—headquarters company	Hosp.—hospital
H. E.—high explosive	Hows.—howitzers
I. G.—inspector general	Int'l—intelligence
Inf.—infantry	I. O.—intelligence officer
J. A.—judge advocate	
L. A.—light artillery	Lon.—London
Lt.—lieutenant	L. T. M.—light trench mortars
Lt. Col.—lieutenant colonel	
Maj.—major	M. P.—military police
Mech.—mechanic	M. T.—motor transport
M. G.—machine gun	M. T. S.—motor transport service
M. G. O.—machine gun officer	Mus. 1cl.—musician first class
—Minus—Usually found in orders	Mus. 2cl.—musician second class
Mgs.—magazines	Mus. 3cl.—musician third class
N.—north	N. C. O.—non-commissioned officer
O. C.—commanding officer	O. P.—observation post
O. O.—operations order	O. Rs.—other ranks
Opr. O.—operations officer	
P. C.—post of command	P. M.—post master
Pdrs.—pounders	P. of W.—prisoner of war
Plat.—platoon	Pvt.—private
+ Plus—usually found in orders	Pvt. 1cl.—private first class
P. M.—afternoon	
Q. M.—quartermaster	
R. Berks.—Royal Berkshire	R. F. A.—royal field artillery
Rd.—road	R. G. A.—general reserve artillery
R. E.—royal engineers	Rgt. Sgt. Maj.—regimental sergeant major
Regt.—regiment	Reg. Sp. Sgt.—regimental supply sergeant
Res.—reserve	

ABBREVIATIONS—Continued

S.—south	S. O.—special order
S. A. A.—small arms ammunition	S. O. S.—service of supply; battle signal for artillery barrage, etc.
Sad.—saddler	Sp.—supply
Sec.—section	Sp. Sgt.—supply sergeant
Sec. G. S.—general staff section	Stat. O.—statistical officer
Sep. Brig.—separate brigade	St. Sgt.—stable sergeant
Sgt.—sergeant	Sup. O.—supply officer
Sig. O.—signal officer	Surg.—surgeon
Sigs.—signals	
Su.—sanitary	
T. M.—trench mortar	T. O.—transport officer
Tn.—train	
W.—west	Wag. wagoner

NOTE.—If difficulty is experienced in locating the definition of abbreviations, divide the letters, thus—O. C. R. E. would be found under O. C.—commanding officer; R. E.—royal engineers.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF MILITARY OR BATTLE MAPS

Military maps, or “Battle Maps,” of the armies of the Allies used by the 131st Infantry, and reproduced in black in this volume are projected from a sphere to a flat surface by the Lambert system. The accuracy of the maps projected by this system can be appreciated when it is known that the amount of error is only from 2 to 3 meters for each 10 kilometers. The point of origin of the British maps is Brussels, Belgium, that of the French maps is Treves, Germany.

From the point of origin, co-ordinate lines are drawn north and south and east and west, which divide the maps into sections. The basis of divisions on the British maps is 1,000 yard squares, that of the French is 1,000 meter squares.

The scales of “Battle Maps” are 1:40,000; 1:20,000; 1:10,000, and have different uses, meaning that one part on the map represents 40,000; 20,000; or 10,000 parts on the ground. The 1:40,000 is used by headquarters and staff officers. The 1:20,000 by the artillery to fire on enemy positions and by regimental, battalion and other commanders for plans and strategical moves. The 1:10,000 is an enlargement of the 1:20,000, but with greater detail for use of company and platoon leaders.

All maps are known by a name. British maps are known by its subdivision, this being from a plat of the entire war area of France and Belgium. The British map most used in the operations of the 131st Infantry is known as the 62 D 1:40,000, or 62 D N.E. and S.E. 1:20,000. French maps are named after the largest town upon it, or from its most principal feature, as Verdun B 1:20,000, or Vigneulles B 1:20,000. A complete map reference will contain name of map followed by map co-ordinates; example, Verdun B 1:20,000 32.9-46.5.

In the headings of all field orders and in messages of importance, the name of the map on which the point, or points, referred to in the order, or message, is stated, for instance: Map sheet 62 D 1:40,000, or map sheet Verdun B 1:10,000, etc.

EXPLANATION OF MAPS—Continued

Battle maps are printed in colors, approximately 24x34 inches.

Battle maps are contoured maps, meaning that the vertical interval on the ground is represented on the map by a continuous line or contour following a definite level or elevation above sea level, thus giving a very clear idea of the formation of the terrain. To note the vertical interval used on any map look for the number on two successive contours and the difference gives the vertical or contour interval used on that map. On British maps it is reckoned in feet, on French maps in meters.

Conventional signs are used on all maps to represent various features of the terrain and artificial objects placed thereon. Conventional signs differ somewhat on French and British maps. (For definitions of conventional signs see Sketches 3 and 4, Pages xxii and xxiii.)

True north and magnetic north are represented by arrows printed in a conspicuous position on the map. The variation in degrees for the part of the country represented on the map is shown. Co-ordinate lines are not true north and south lines.

To locate a point on any military map always remember to begin reading from left to right on vertical co-ordinates, then from bottom to top on horizontal co-ordinates.

See Sketches 1 and 2, Page xxi.

CONVERSION TABLE FOR YARDS AND METERS

1 meter (M.), 39.3685 in., 1.0936 yds.

1 kilometer (K.M.), 3280.7 ft., 1093.6 yds.

For approximate calculation assume:

1 meter, 40 inches.

10 meters, 11 yards.

1600 meters, 1 mile.

1 kilometer, $\frac{5}{8}$ mile.

8 kilometers, 5 miles.

To convert meters to yards, add 1.10.

To convert yards to meters, subtract 1.11.

READING OF CO-ORDINATES ON BRITISH MAPS

British maps are divided into large rectangles, and are lettered in capitals A, B, C, etc. These are divided again into squares of 1,000 yards side, which are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc., up to 30. Each of these squares are subdivided into four minor squares of 500 yards side. These minor squares are considered as lettered a, b, c, d (small letters). From left to right in the top row a, b, and from left to right in the bottom row c, d.

A point may thus be described as lying within squares B 6 a or M 5 b, etc.

To locate a point within a small a, b, c or d square, consider the sides divided into tenths and define the point by taking so many tenths from west to east, along southern side, and so many from south to north along the western side (the top of the map is always north). The lower left hand corner (southwest) is always the point from which the count begins, or origin. The distance along the southern side is always given by the first figure. Thus, to read the point X (K30c73) see Sketch No. 1 (British Map), read the capital letter rectangle (K) first, then the number of the square (30) within the capital lettered rectangle, then the small lettered square (c) within the numbered square, considering the small lettered square subdivided into tenths read from left to right, along lower edge of small lettered square to the point located in tenths (7), then read up as many tenths as necessary to exact point (3). The point will then be at K30c73.

When more accurate definition is wanted use exactly the same method, but divide sides into 100 divisions instead of tenths, and use four figures instead of two. Thus, point Y (K30a1557) denotes 15 parts east and 57 parts north of origin. Point Z is K3b0295.

Use either two or four figures. Fractions are not used such as $8\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{1}{2}$, etc. If the point does not lie where it can be located by subdivision of tenths then subdivisions of hundredths are used. See Sketch No. 1 attached.

READING OF CO-ORDINATES ON A FRENCH MILITARY MAP

French Battle maps are divided into quadrangles or squares of 1,000 meters, or 1 kilometer distances by the intersection of co-ordinates or grid lines. The divisions start from point of origin (Treves, Germany), and are numbered consecutively from west to east and from south to north. No two co-ordinates in one direction bear the same number, or is it repeated on any French battle map.

The vertical grid lines or co-ordinates are sometimes referred to as the "abscissa" or X co-ordinates, the horizontal grid lines as "ordinates" or Y co-ordinates.

READING OF CO-ORDINATES—Continued

The top of all maps is approximately north. No grid line is true north, except the co-ordinate or abscissa passing through Treves. The error then accumulates east and west, and is the difference between true north, as indicated by an arrow in a conspicuous place on the map, and the abscissa or vertical co-ordinates.

To establish the co-ordinates for a point within a square on a French map assume that each kilometer square is divided into 100 smaller squares; in other words, that each abscissa and ordinate line is divided into tenths and lines drawn parallel to them. These lines may be laid out by the individual on the map square itself, or measured by the eye or a celluloid or paper scale divided into 100 smaller squares may be prepared and used.

Using the numbered co-ordinates printed on the edges of French maps, as a basis, to locate the point required 429.6-290.3 (see Sketch No. 2, point A), begin reading the vertical map co-ordinate on the bottom edge from left to right till X co-ordinate 429. is reached, then read up on left hand edge of map until Y co-ordinate 290. is reached. Where these two co-ordinates meet is the lower left hand corner of the square in which the point is situated. To further locate points .6 and .3, lay off $\frac{6}{10}$ of a kilometer along lower edge of this square along co-ordinate 290. from 429. co-ordinate, this point will then read 429.6-290.0, then from point 429.6-290.0 lay off $\frac{3}{10}$ of a kilometer at right angles toward top of map. This point will then be located at 429.6-290.3.

For greater accuracy the kilometer squares can be subdivided into 1,000 smaller squares by dividing each abscissa and ordinate line into hundredths and drawing parallel lines to them. Point B, Sketch No. 2, reads: 429.08-290.47, and point C, Sketch No. 2, reads: 429.65-290.03.

As it is seldom that any battle map in use in any army sector covers more than 10 kilometers of ground, a system shortening the number of numerals referring to a map location was adopted by dropping the first numeral of each co-ordinate to save time and work in transmitting messages and to minimize errors.

Example No. 1—Point A, Sketch No. 2.

Complete map reference, 429.6-290.3.

Abbreviated map reference, 29.6-90.3.

Example No. 2—Point B, Sketch No. 2.

Complete map reference, 429.08-290.47.

Abbreviated map reference, 29.08-90.47.

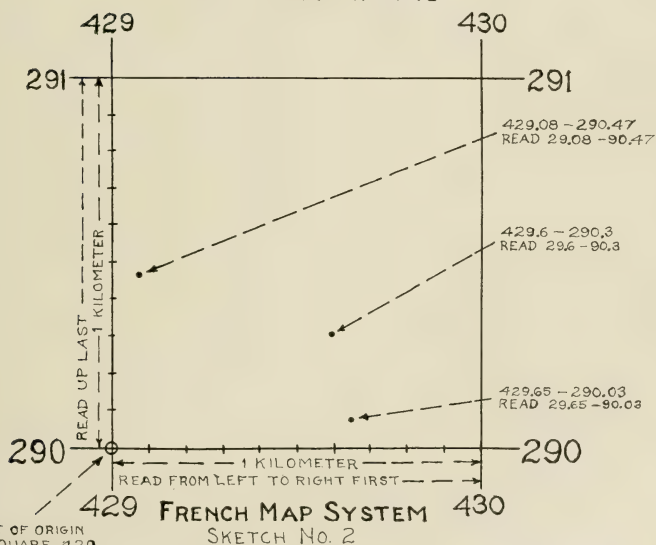
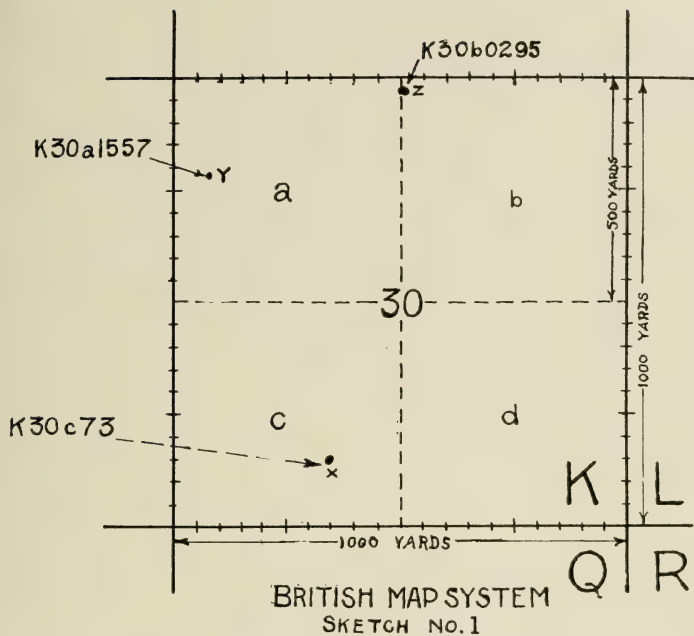
Example No. 3—Point C, Sketch No. 2.

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TRANSLATION OF ABBREVIATIONS USED ON FRENCH MAPS






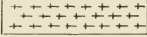
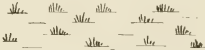
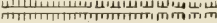
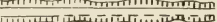
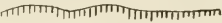
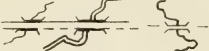
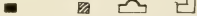


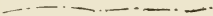


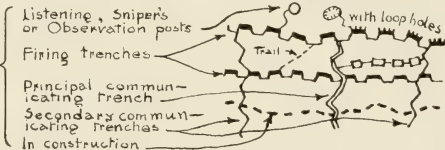
Abbreviation	French Term	English Meaning
Bois	Bois	Wood
Deversoir	Deversoir	Incline
Rau.	Ravine	Ravine
Cimre.	Cimeterie	Cemetery
Vanne	Vanne	Water-gate ; sluice
Ecluse	Ecluse	Lock
Tr.	Tranchee	Trench
Boy.	Boyau	Tube ; aqueduct
Passlle.	Passerelle	Pass ; passage
Fme.	Ferme	Farm
Haut or Hts.	Haut-Hauts	Height or Heights
Cote	Cote	Side or Hill
Etang	Etang	Lake
Chau.	Chateau	Chateau
Chnee.	Cheminee	Chimney
Egse.	Eglise	Church (Catholic)
Temple	Temple	Church (Protestant)
Ft.	Foret	Forest
Lte.	Lette	Swamp
Magin.	Magasin	Storehouse
Mgne.	Montagne	Mountain
P.	Pont	Bridge
Ps.	Puits	Well
Vacie.	Vacherie	Cowbarn ; dairy
Briqie.	Briqueterie	Brickyard







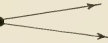

POINT OF ORIGIN
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CONVENTIONAL SIGNS

COMMON TO
BRITISH AND FRENCH MILITARY MAPS
SKETCH NO. 3

Churches	
Buildings	not in ruins 
	in ruins 
Watermill	
Windmill	
Cemetery	
Marshes	
Road fills	
Road Cuts	
Steep Slopes	
Bridges	
Dug Outs or Huts	
Encampments, Munitions Stores, Wagon Parks etc.	
Wire Entanglements	
Contour lines	
Streams	
Rivers	
Trenches	

CONVENTIONAL SIGNS IN RED BATTLE POSITIONS

Command posts	Regimental 
	Battalion 
	Company 
First Aid Station	
Machine Gun	M. G. 
Trench Mortar	T. M. 

CONVENTIONAL SIGNS ON BRITISH MAPS ONLY

SKETCH No 4

Chimney	_____	⊙ Chy
Conspicuous Haystack	_____	⊕
Cultivated Land	_____	
Woods or Trees	_____	
Gun Emplacements	_____	
First Aid Station	_____	⊕
Railroads	Double Track	
	Single Track	
	Narrow Gauge Track	
	Wrecked Track	
Roads	National Route	
	Second Class	
	Third Class	
Canals	_____	
Dumps	Ammunition	
	Supply	

CONVENTIONAL SIGNS ON FRENCH MAPS ONLY

Chimney	_____	⊙ Chim
Gardens and Orchards	_____	
Small Trees and Brush	_____	
Woods and Paths or Trails	_____	
Infantry Observation Points	_____	⊕
Gun Emplacements	_____	
Hedge	_____	
Iron Wire Fence	_____	
Wooden Fence	_____	
Ditches	_____	
Anti Air Craft Guns	_____	⊕
Railroads	Single Track	
	Double Track	
	Narrow Gauge	
	Wrecked Track	
Roads	National Routes	
	Second Class	
	Farm Roads	
Canal	_____	
Spring	_____	

Interesting Incidents in the History of the

FIRST REGIMENT INFANTRY, ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD

- 1874**—First meeting August 25th; organized September 8th, with Companies A, B and C. Frank Sherman elected first Colonel—State Street Armory.
- 1875**—Lake Street Armory occupied in January. Regiment's first service, on account of riots, February 12th. First parade and presentation of colors May 13th.
- 1876**—A. C. McClurg elected Colonel. In camp at Madison, Wis., July 4, 5 and 6. Train wrecked en route home.
- 1877**—Inauguration of Gov. Shelby M. Cullom. Entered State Service Illinois National Guard July 1st. In service during railroad riots July 26th and 27th and Coal Miners' Strikes, Braidwood, July 28th to 31st. W. G. Scherer, Acting Colonel.
- 1878**—Cornerstone of Jackson Street Armory laid May 18th and dedicated October 29th. Part of Regiment at G. A. R. encampment, Terre Haute, Ind., July 4th. Edgar D. Swain elected Colonel.
- 1879**—In service during Stock Yards riots, December 25th and 26th.
- 1880**—Host to Continental Guards of New Orleans. Camp at Lake LaBelle, Wis.
- 1881**—Springfield, January 10th. Inauguration of Gov. Shelby M. Cullom. Entertained Boston Lancers and Albany Burgess Corps.
- 1882**—Chas. Fitzsimons elected Colonel and, on his promotion later, elected E. B. Knox.
- 1883-1884-1885-1886-1887-1888-1889**—In camp at various places.
- 1886**—Stockyards riots in November.
- 1889**—C. R. E. Koch elected Colonel.
- 1890**—Cornerstone of 16th Street Armory laid July 12th.
- 1891**—New Armory occupied September 8th.
- 1892**—Camp, Springfield.
- 1893**—Armory destroyed by fire April 24th. Escort to President Cleveland, World's Columbian Exposition, May 1st. Henry L. Turner elected Colonel.
- 1894**—Coal Miners' strike, Pana, June 6th-7th. Great strikes, Pullman, July 6th-27th; 33 days of duty. Armory rebuilt and occupied second time October 9th.
- 1895**—Memorial services Confederate Monument, Oakwoods, May 30th. Trip through the South November 8th to 18th.
- 1896-1897**—Camp at Springfield.
- 1898**—War with Spain. Service April 26th to November 17th. In active service in Cuba, Col. Henry L. Turner. Joseph B. Sanborn elected Colonel.
- 1899-1900-1901**—Camp at Springfield.

INTERESTING INCIDENTS—Continued

- 1901—Escort to Gov. Yates, Buffalo Exposition, October. Funeral of President McKinley. Chicago parade.
- 1902-1903-1904—Camp at Camp Logan and Springfield.
- 1904—St. Louis Exposition, July 16th to 23rd.
- 1905—Camp, Springfield.
- 1906—Trip through South, October 24th to October 31st.
- 1907—Camp, Springfield.
- 1908—Riots, Springfield, August 15th to 19th. Camp, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., September 11th to 21st.
- 1909—Guard at Auto Races, Crown Point, Ind., June 17th-19th. Camp, Elgin. Entertained Veteran Corps.
- 1910—Camp, Peoria.
- 1911—Escort to President Taft, Springfield, February 11th. National Military Tournament, Chicago, July 23rd-29th. Many prizes won.
- 1912-1913-1914—Camp, Springfield.
- 1915—Trip to California Exposition.
- 1916—Mexican troubles, Camp Wilson, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Border Service.
- 1917—Called into the Federal Service.
- 1918—War with Germany.
- 1919—Returned to U. S. and Demobilized.

CHAPTER I

THE CALL TO ARMS

1917

March 26th. Although it was generally expected that the National Guard of the United States would be called into service for duty in the world war, nevertheless when the call came there ensued a period of several days when the men were filled with excitement and anticipation.

The first orders to the First Regiment Infantry, Illinois National Guard, were received by the commanding officer from the governor of the state of Illinois over the telephone, at 5:26 a. m., to the effect that the regiment would assemble at once and report to the Commanding General, Central Department, U. S. A., for duty. These orders were transmitted also by telephone to the regimental adjutant and majors commanding battalions. The hour set for assembly was 1 o'clock, that day, at the regimental armory, Sixteenth Street and Michigan boulevard, Chicago, at which time 47 officers and 725 other ranks reported for duty out of a total strength of 50 officers and 874 other ranks. Men missing were principally those that could not be reached by telephone, or squad leaders, and others absent from the city or sick.

Assembly was in uniform with full equipment so far as such equipment had been furnished. When the men put on their uniforms many of them little dreamed it was to be the last time they would wear citizens' clothing again for a period of more than two years, or that they were to carry their arms and wear their uniforms along almost the entire battle front of France, through Alsace-Lorraine and over the German border. That night, except for guards placed on the armory, every one was given the opportunity to return home with his personal effects, clothing, etc., with orders to report at a specified hour the following day for duty.

In the meantime, the commanding officer reported to Major General Thomas H. Barry, Commanding the Central Department, and was advised that the regiment was assigned to the guarding of the power plants furnishing light and power to the city of Chicago, at Lockport and Joliet, the navigable waters south of the city, including the Calumet river and drainage canal; also the railroad bridges south to the Indiana state line. Orders to cover various points with guards were issued from

day to day; when received, reconnaissance was made as to the requirements of each situation, arrangements perfected for housing the guards, distributing rations and making periodical inspections. These details required a vast amount of labor, in which the commanding officer was ably assisted by Majors Abel Davis and John V. Clinnin, who were called upon to supervise the areas assigned to their respective battalions. This work involved the making of maps and sketches, constructing shelter for detached groups, arranging for water and ration supplies at points distant from any railroad station or passable roads, and many other details requiring considerable resourcefulness. No boats were allowed to tie up near bridges across the drainage canal or the Calumet river, which required watchfulness, as a great number of pleasure craft, motor boats and barge owners or occupants of such up to that time had stopped wherever they pleased, and proceeded at will. These boats were all required to carry passes which entitled them to proceed to different points upon establishing their identity.

No one was allowed to cross railroad bridges, except workmen in the performance of their duties. This restriction caused considerable trouble, especially in cases of workmen employed in nearby industrial plants. Frequently foreigners, some of whom were unable to speak the English language, were in the habit of using these bridges to save walking long distances.

In a single instance did serious trouble occur; on the night of May 30th, at the Dalton Bridge, a man assaulted a sentinel, knocking him down with a stone. Following the attack the assailant ran across the bridge, but was shot as he reached the other side. It developed subsequently that the man had recently been liberated from an insane asylum. Doubtless he was not in his right mind. Near Argo, where are located extensive starch works, and at which point railroad bridges crossed the Desplaines river, sentinels were fired upon from the bushes along the river several times but none was injured.

March 28th commenced the distribution of detachments to the various points they were to occupy, Companies E and G, Second Battalion, Maj. John V. Clinnin commanding, being sent to Joliet and Lockport May 8th. Company F joined the command at the same point May 24th. Guards were placed on railroad bridges at the following points: Pennsylvania Railway, Twentieth street and Stewart avenue; Pennsylvania Railway, Marshall boulevard and Western avenue, N. Y. C. and B. & O. at Ninety-fifth street and South Chicago avenue, E., J. & E. Railway at the mouth of the Calumet river, B. & O. Railway at Chicago river, south of Grand Central Station; Illinois Central Railway, Thirty-third street and Kedzie avenue; C. & W. I., Pennsylvania and N. Y. C. & St. L. Railways, near One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Torrence avenue; C. & W. I.



CAPT. GEORGE R. MILLER, Adjutant
CAPT. SEVERRA A. STENSON, Personnel Adjutant
CAPT. GEORGE N. MALSTROM, Operations Officer
CAPT. EDGAR J. EMERICK, Intelligence Officer

Railway at crossing of Calumet river, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Indiana avenue; B. & O. C. T. and I. H. B. Railways at Argo; A., T. & S. F. Railway at Forty-fifth street and Oak Park avenue; Belt Railway over Illinois and Michigan Canal and Drainage Canal at West Forty-first and South Forty-sixth streets; Michigan Central Railway over the Calumet river, near One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Dalton road. These detachments averaged in strength about four non-commissioned officers and twelve privates. Some were housed in tents, but the majority in old freight cars or temporary houses built by the railroads. All were connected by telephone with regimental headquarters at Sixteenth street and Michigan boulevard. The duties of these guards were light, but situated as they were in isolated places, distant from street cars, the men soon became lonesome, and for that reason changes were frequently made.

April 2nd. On this date announcement was received that the President of the United States had signed the resolution declaring that a state of war existed between the United States and Germany.

This announcement was received with enthusiasm by the men, many of whom were taken away from us in the subsequent elimination of those who had dependents—wives, mothers or children. These included many

who had served for years, and who had seen service the year before at Fort Sam Houston. They were trained soldiers, the finest of our volunteers.

April 25th. Camp was established on West Twelfth street, Cicero, at the Chicago Driving Park, to take care of horses and mules shipped from the south, completing the regimental transportation. In the meantime the state authorities had shipped from Springfield wagons and tentage. The government was daily delivering clothing and equipment, and by the end of the month troops were in shape to care for themselves anywhere.

Company M, third battalion, machine gun company, headquarters company and teamsters were sent to this camp to care for the animals. Later the advisability of removing the entire command from the armory became apparent, as for sanitary reasons; the camp was enlarged, streets graded, and latrines built. The camp was under command of Major Abel Davis. From this camp over the switch of the Belt railway all subsequent movements of troops were made. The camp itself was a model, with a spacious corral, wide, hard rolled, graveled streets, running water, electric lights, baths and other conveniences.

The pride of the camp was a fine lawn in front of the commanding officers' headquarters, graded perfectly level, planted with lawn grass and hedged around with beds of beautiful flowers, the gift of the West Park Commissioners. Here parades and drills were the order of the day, and on Sundays people came for miles to see the soldiers. Prior to moving into this camp the proprietor of the Sherman House of Chicago sent one of his best chefs to the armory with competent assistants, who conducted a school of cooking, from which all mess sergeants and cooks graduated; consequently, when camp ranges were set up under canvas shelter, the culinary operations in progress, the mess line became a spot of ever-increasing interest to the thousands of housewives who came to wonder at the cleanliness, the comfort, and the completeness of it all. Men were fed on long tables in the open, extending the entire length of the camp on the Twelfth street side. When all were seated and the neatly dressed kitchen helpers served the food it was a sight which excited the wonder and admiration of all visitors. Through the courtesy of Judge Henry Horner, of Chicago, floors were placed in the tents. The government provided cots for the men. The men themselves took pride in keeping their quarters clean, and in every way the camp was a credit to the officers who planned and completed it.

May 8th. A complete examination was conducted of non-commissioned officers for the purpose of selecting twenty-five candidates and twenty-five alternates to attend the first officers' training camp at Ft. Sheridan. Twenty-seven men of the regiment were sent to this camp, all

but one of whom passed with credit and received commissions in the National Army. The one exception was taken sick.

May 31st. All troops, except recruiting detail, regimental headquarters office force, medical detail and a few guards, were sent to the Cicero camp.

June 5th. Report by telephone was received from Major Clinnin of a serious outbreak among the prisoners in the Joliet penitentiary, who had set fire to the buildings, overpowered the guards and were battering down the doors in an effort to escape. The warden asked for immediate help. There being no time to lose, Major Clinnin ordered Company G, which was nearest to the prison, to march to the entrance, reversed a trolley car in front of his camp quarters, which were in the park immediately outside of the city, loaded the car with another company and started them on the way toward the prison. At the time he called up the regimental commander, stated the situation and asked for orders. The telephone was held open long enough to call General Barry, who promptly gave orders for the troops to act. In nine minutes from the time of first call armed soldiers marched into the inclosure and prevented the escape of the prisoners. Efforts were made by the leaders to incite the inmates of the prison, armed with knives, bars of iron and other weapons, to rush the troops who were lined up a few yards away, but their courage failed them and a catastrophe was averted. When the situation was under control the state authorities were notified to assume charge, as United States troops could not assume jurisdiction in affairs within the province of the state. The following morning a National Guard Company from Kankakee relieved Major Clinnin's command.



REGIMENTAL NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF AND CLERICAL FORCE

Major Clinmin, in his narrative of the event, writes as follows:

"On the morning of June 5, 1917, Mr. Bowen, warden of the penitentiary, rushed into the camp at Dellwood and informed me that 'the prisoners had revolted, set fire to the prison, and if troops were not sent at once the guards would be overpowered, all would escape and overrun the surrounding country.' I informed him that we were Federal troops, and before assistance could be rendered permission must be had from the Commanding General, Central Department, and from the Governor of the State of Illinois. At the same time I ordered the companies brought in from the drill field and ammunition issued. I put in a telephone call for Colonel Sanborn at headquarters of the First Infantry, and the Governor at Springfield, Ill. In nine minutes I had secured the order from General Barry, permission from Governor Lowden, and Company G, under command of First Lieutenant Charles F. Tapper, was on its way to the prison. I also sent Captain Hamlet C. Ridgway to confer with the warden, and to inform me by telephone as to the conditions. Captain Ridgway called me on the telephone and suggested that I come at once and bring Company E, who were delayed in coming in from drill field; this company, having received ammunition, started at once for Joliet. I caught an auto going toward the prison, and arrived at the east gate just as Company G was going through the iron doors. Lieutenant Troxell, my adjutant, with Mr. George Brown, commissioner of the City of Joliet, drove up in an automobile and were sent by me to catch a northbound Chicago car, with orders to reverse the trolley and bring Company E at once. This was done and shortly thereafter the company arrived, detrained, formed up, loaded their rifles, fixed bayonets, and were ready. One detachment of fourteen men, under Sergeant Bottomley, were sent into the quarry, across from the prison, where about two hundred and fifty prisoners were in the quarry pit. These prisoners were among the most hardened criminals in the institution, and had dynamite and powder used in blasting. The company, less this detail, followed Company G into the enclosure.

"The scene disclosed was beyond description; the prisoners had set nine of the buildings on fire, they were running about like maniacs, cutting the fire hose, driving out the fire company, beating the guards with clubs and bars of iron. When the troops entered they had just run a car, loaded with coal, from the siding near the power house onto the main track, and were pushing it toward the east gate, using it as a battering ram to break down the gates. Two squads from Company G drove the prisoners away from the car. All of their attention was now centered on the troops, hammers, hatchets, rocks, bars of iron and every conceivable kind of weapon was hurled at the soldiers, many of whom were cut, bruised and injured.



MAJ. FRED E. HAINES, LIEUT. ALBERT G. JEFFERSON AND SGT. MAJ. H. E. EDISON

"We deployed along the north wall and with the bayonet drove all before us. Guards were left at the gates and small detachments detailed to clear out the buildings. The fire department of the City of Joliet and the Illinois Steel Company, aided by a few 'trusty prisoners,' following up the skirmish line and proceeded to put out the fires. All of the prisoners were forced against the wall in the southeast corner of the inclosure, where we tried to form them into column in order to march them out under guard, if it became apparent that the prison would be totally destroyed, or to force them into the cell house when the danger was past. They repeatedly made attempts to rush the guards, but were held in check. One prisoner attempted to kill me, but was prevented by Captain Ridgway. After a very strenuous three hours the fires were mastered, the prisoners marched into the cell house, locked up, and when checked, it was found that not one had escaped or been killed by a soldier. Some were cut with the bayonet, but the injuries were slight. No soldier had been killed, and only a few wounded. We remained at the prison three days, and were relieved by two companies from the Third Infantry, Illinois National Guard."

After this affair at the prison the popularity of our troops reached its highest level. People came from all around the country to see the heroes of the prison riots. Recruits poured in and the three companies were filled to the maximum of 150 men. The people of Joliet, through the Rotary Club, gave a field day and from the proceeds gave the men

200 pairs of shoes and 480 pairs of khaki trousers. The local chapter of the Red Cross presented a regimental hospital equipment, and some of the leading citizens provided towels, socks and handkerchiefs for all the men. General Barry issued a letter of commendation to the officers and men, congratulating them upon the splendid manner in which they performed a serious task.

The following letters and copies of telegrams speak for themselves:

ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, JOLIET.

June 6, 1917.

Commanding General, Central Department, U. S. A., Chicago, Ill.

Sir: Rioting and destruction of property by convicts in the Joliet State Prison being imminent on the morning of June 5, 1917, I called up Major J. V. Clinmin, stationed at Dellwood, for military assistance.

Company G, Captain Hamlet Ridgway, left Dellwood at 9:37, arriving at the prison gates about ten o'clock.

A detail of six men was despatched to protect the crusher in the State quarry, opposite the prison compound.

The rest of the company entered the inclosure to the hoots and cat-calls of the prisoners employed in the rattan shops, where the mutiny had started.

Fires were then burning in two places in these shops. Captain Ridgway stationed his men to guard the hose and prison fire department.

Rioters forced entrance into the prison oil house. With gasoline and other volatiles they rushed through the various shops, placing fire.

It was at once seen that more soldiers were needed. Major Clinmin arrived at 10:30, with Company E, commanded by Lieutenant McAdams.

The compound was now a mass of rushing, rioting convicts, over which hung a pall of dense smoke from the burning buildings, making it difficult to see any distance, or to distinguish faces and figures.

A storehouse for lumber, glass, iron and pipe, at the northwest corner of the inclosure, a two-story building containing the chapel, post-office and store, solitary and novelty room, located in the center of the grounds, and the rattan shops, in the northeast section, were all in flames.

Convicts John Flaherty and Michael O'Connell were first to jump from the second floor of the chapel building, receiving serious injuries. Flaherty died later in the afternoon. Major Clinmin drew up his men along the north wall, and marched towards the south, chasing the prisoners to the cell-houses, where they were backed against the walls, and held at the point of the bayonet.

The fire department, being now afforded protection, were quickly able to control the flames.

By 2 o'clock in the afternoon all the fires were out, all prisoners had been fed and locked in their cells.

One of Major Clinnin's companies did guard duty during the night; the other company returned at nightfall to Dellwood.

Today has been quiet, 150 prisoners being at work in the yards and gardens. All others have remained in their cells.

Major Clinnin has proven himself worthy of any mission demanding intelligence, courage, poise, and quick-witted judgment.

The prompt restoration of order, without the firing of a single shot, the saving of the institution from the flames, and the prevention of a single escape, speak praise of him and his officers, and more than words cannot describe. They testify to his and their worth as soldiers and men.

The provocation to shoot was severe, but they retained full possession of themselves. The riots were stopped without the order that would have brought death to many, among them not a few innocent of participation in the disorder.

I am under personal obligation to you for your prompt action and hearty support in this crisis, and desire to assure you of my most sincere appreciation.

Very respectfully,

A. L. BOWEN, Warden.

Headquarters Central Department, Official Copy, Adjutant's Office.



HOT CHOCOLATE AND DOUGHNUTS

WAR DEPARTMENT.
HEADQUARTERS CENTRAL DEPARTMENT,
CHICAGO.

June 7, 1917.

From: Department Adjutant.

To: Major John V. Clinmin, First Illinois Infantry, Lockport, Ill.

Subject: Commendation.

1. The Department Commander directs that you assemble the officers and enlisted men of your command who took part in quelling the disturbance at the Joliet penitentiary, June 5, 1917, and read to them this letter and the three inclosures thereto.

2. He has pleasure and satisfaction in thus making official record of the prompt, intelligent and effective service you all rendered on that occasion, and he especially congratulates you on the excellent judgment and control exercised by you and your men, whereby notwithstanding the provocation, you remained cool and quelled the riot without resorting to firing.

H. O. S. HEISTAND, Adjutant General.

3 incl. THB-Mz.

STATE OF ILLINOIS.
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.
SPRINGFIELD.

June 7, 1917.

My dear Major Clinmin:

I want to thank you, and through you, your command, for the prompt and effective service you rendered to the State at Joliet on Tuesday. The self-restraint and soldierly conduct of your officers and men have been highly commended by all.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANK O. LOWDEN.

Major John V. Clinmin, First Illinois Infantry, Lockport, Ill.

[COPY OF TELEGRAM.]

Springfield, Ill., June 7, 1917.

Major General T. H. Barry, Chicago, Ill.

I thank you with all my heart, dear General, for the very great and prompt assistance you have rendered us at Joliet. I trust opportunity will present itself when I may show my appreciation.

FRANK O. LOWDEN.

Headquarters Central Department, Official Copy, Adjutant's Office.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITIES
Recreation Room and Some of the Workers

[WESTERN UNION.]

Chicago, Ill., June 7, 1917.

Hon. Frank O. Lowden, Springfield, Ill.

Thanks for your telegram of June 7th. We did our simple duty, nothing more, with your own troops, part of the First Illinois Infantry in the Federal service, who acted promptly, intelligently and effectively. They are entitled to all the credit. Major John V. Clinnin, First Illinois Infantry, has been furnished copies of your telegram and this reply with instructions to read them to his command.

BARRY.

Headquarters Central Department, Official Copy, Adjutant's Office.

Our regimental band, the pride of the Cicero camp, was sent to Fort Sheridan on the 2nd, to furnish music for the entertainment, marches and parades of the candidates at the officers' training school. The machine gun company of the regiment with guns, pack animals and full equipment, was also sent to Fort Sheridan the 16th, to act as instructors in that line of work. The band returned to the regiment August 16th; machine gun company August 13th, both organizations having made a fine impression and a good record.

Following the call of the First Regiment, Illinois Infantry, into the Federal service came the call for all other organizations of the National Guard in the state, and details of officers were made from the officers of the regiment for the purpose of mustering in the other Chicago troops

with Lieutenant Colonel Eddy as chief mustering officer. This duty was completed during the month of July.

Shortly after the first of the month classes were formed under the supervision of competent teachers for study of the French language. A large tent on the camp grounds erected for entertainment purposes was utilized three evenings each week, resulting in considerable progress being made by both officers and men in learning the most commonly used expressions and the names of articles in everyday use.

July 6th. In the early summer the construction of the big cantonment at Camp Grant, near Rockford, Ill., was started. More or less trouble was experienced with the large number of workmen who were being quartered together at that point, due to drunkenness, lawlessness, and the presence of I. W. W. agents in the camp.

No water mains had been laid, or other precautions taken against fires which might have caused enormous losses if the huge accumulation of lumber and materials stored there had become ignited. The War Department, therefore, decided that military protection should be furnished, and on July 6th the first detail of the First Infantry was sent there, consisting of Company M, three officers and 122 men, who went into camp on the bank of the river, not far from where the first construction of barracks was started. This detail was followed by Company K July 20th.

July 23rd. Regiment was recruited to full war strength. During the months of June and July an active campaign was conducted in Chicago for recruits. All sorts of methods were used to attract the class of men desired, including announcements from the stage in various theaters, posters on the elevated railroad stations and in the cars. Automobiles with recruiting parties toured the city; speakers were sent to the resident sections, principally on the south side. By consent of the heads of large mercantile concerns thousands of circulars were distributed to employees, but results were not entirely satisfactory. Most of the young men preferred to take the chances of the draft. However, the work bore fruit and after July 23rd, when the regiment was filled, large numbers made application for admittance.

July 29th. Troops at Joliet and Lockport were ordered to report to the regiment. They reported back August 3rd, making the march in two days. Other details on the various railroad bridges were also brought in and the state authorities were notified that such protection of property as seemed necessary should be provided by them. The railroads, as a rule, put back their own watchmen. The drainage district replaced their police force with no disturbances of the peace, or effort on the part of enemy sympathizers to create trouble, due, probably, to the fact that the U. S. Secret Service had covered the country quite thoroughly by that

time, and many outspoken persons were locked up or kept under constant surveillance.

August 5th. The regiment was drafted into the U. S. service, under the provisions of the act of Congress, known as the National Defense Act, approved June 3, 1916, and became an integral part of the great army which later was designated by one name, the United States Army, composed of regulars, National Guard and National Army; destined to serve thereafter as a united army and to become one of the deciding factors in the great world war.

August 8th. The first battalion, Companies A, B, C and D, Major Abel Davis commanding, was sent to Camp Grant to reinforce Companies I, K, L and M, of the Third Battalion, already there, who were unable to cover the ground, due to the increase of construction work. Major Davis organized the plan of guard duty for the cantonment in a manner for which he deserves great credit. His work in that connection was specially mentioned by General Barry, and his dispositions and plans covering additional territory from time to time, as necessity demanded, were uniformly approved.

August 28th. The regimental commander and remaining units of the regiment broke camp at Cicero and proceeded to Camp Grant, arriving at 4:30 p. m., establishing headquarters in one of the newly erected buildings on the grounds, and the following day the colonel of the regiment assumed command and supervision over the guard system which was maintained with various modifications until morning of October 1st.



131ST INFANTRY MESSAGE CENTER

Showing Runners, Mounted Orderlies, Motorcycles and Other Means of Communication

When the first guard detachment was sent to Camp Grant the only buildings that were then constructed were various warehouses along the railroad line leading into the grounds. The plan of construction had, however, been fully made and approved by the War Department, and under the able management of the constructing quartermaster, Major D. H. Sawyer, work thereafter proceeded with great dispatch. The number of workmen on the grounds by this time had increased to approximately 6,000, quartered in camps at various nearby points; changing every day, some quitting work, others coming in, a motley crew of Americans, foreigners and negroes of every class and description.

Drinking, fighting, gambling and robbing were frequent, and could not be fully controlled by local authorities. Orders were that no liquors should be brought on to the reservation. After military guards were established all men entering the camps were searched, and it was not uncommon to collect a couple of barrels full of bottles of whiskey and other intoxicating liquors in a single night.

The chief danger which was always present was from fires, a sewerage and water system not having been provided until after the building construction was completed. The only water available was a small supply placed at different points in tanks and wagons.

The work of construction was marvelously rapid, the buildings on one entire street laid out in the morning standing completed before night; foundation timbers, walls and roof. This necessitated a daily change in the guard dispositions, fire stations, etc. The guard was ordinarily composed of one field officer of the day, three officers of the day, various officers of the guard and sentinels, in all aggregating 600 men.

Each officer of the day had an office in the section under his control; all were under supervision of the field officer of the day. The necessity of this arrangement was due to the fact that a tour around the sentry posts involved a trip of approximately 25 miles.

As the camp neared completion Major General Barry took personal command at Camp Grant. The general brought with him nearly all his old staff, an able and efficient lot of officers with whom it was a pleasure to work.

Sept. 11. Affairs were passing in the ordinary way without exciting incident, canteens were established throughout the camp by the regiment, which did a thriving business in soft drinks and the usual articles kept for sale in such places. September 11th, a telegram was received from the Commanding General 33rd Division at Camp Logan, Texas, ordering the regiment to proceed to that point and join the Division to which it had been assigned; thereupon ensued a lively contest involving General Barry, General Bell and the War Department, General Barry setting forth the conditions at Camp Grant, not yet occupied by the



131ST INFANTRY RATION AND SUPPLY DUMP, LAROCLETTE, LUXEMBOURG

National Army, and stating that if troops were withdrawn he would not assume responsibility for the safety of the cantonment.

General Bell on the other hand claimed that the Illinois troops were assigned to his division and pointed out the necessity of their immediate entry on the course of training necessary to fit them for overseas service.

Departure of the regiment was postponed to September 24th, later to on or before October 5th. After September 1st officers were reporting daily to Camp Grant preliminary to taking on the training work at the camp, followed by train loads of drafted men, who were quickly taken in hand, assigned to companies uniformed and their training commenced. The work was from daylight until dark, and within a week many of the companies were able to present a very creditable formation on the street, although not yet armed with rifles.

A notable event in the history of the camp was the visit of former President Theodore Roosevelt on September 26th, to deliver an address to the men of the National Army who were mobilized there, to the number of about 30,000. His coming was known in advance, and General Barry was most anxious that the affair should be a success; also that no unpleasant incident should occur to mar the proceedings.

The First Illinois Infantry was assigned to the duty of escort to conduct the distinguished visitor from the railroad depot to the general's quarters and upon his departure, back to the depot. Colonel Roosevelt's time being limited, arrangements were perfected for himself and party to

proceed rapidly over the principal streets of the camp, then to the place where he was to address the troops and from there to the special train on which he arrived.

General Barry wished that no traffic, individuals, teams, or automobiles appear on the roads while the observation tour was in progress, to eliminate all possibility of accident. These arrangements were placed in charge of Major Abel Davis, First Illinois Infantry, and were perfectly carried out.

Colonel Roosevelt made a few remarks to the regiment at the depot immediately before the train left referring to his associations with the organization, in the Cuban Campaign, congratulating the troops on their soldierly appearance, complimenting them on their work done that day and wishing them success and glory in the days to follow.

Sept. 30th. The day of the regiment's departure for the south having been set for October 1st, General Barry ordered the National Army assembled on the large field near his headquarters on three sides of a square, with the First Illinois Infantry, in front. From the same platform from which Colonel Roosevelt had delivered his address the 26th, General Barry read the copy of a letter which he had written to the Commanding General, of the 33rd Division, supplementing it with a few words of good wishes, and kindly interest, after which the bands played, the national army regiments cheered and we marched away to quarters, to pack up and pay short calls on our many friends before leaving the next day. A copy of the letter above referred to was presented to the regimental commander. It reads as follows:

Headquarters 86th Division,
Camp Grant.

Rockford, Illinois,
Sept. 28th, 1917.

From: Commanding General, 86th Division, Camp Grant, Illinois.
To: Commanding General, 33rd Division, Camp Logan, Texas.
Subject: First Illinois Infantry.

1. On October 1st, 1917, the First Illinois Infantry will be relieved from duty at the camp and will proceed en route to join the 33rd Division at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas.

2. As Commanding General Central Department the regiment was under my immediate command at various places throughout Illinois guarding points and plants, etc., of strategic military importance and rendered efficient service, especially the command of Major Clinnin, which at Joliet, Illinois, put down what was practically a riot among the prisoners in the Joliet Penitentiary and saved the penitentiary from destruction and prevented the escape of the prisoners. Major Davis rendered

excellent service with his battalion in guarding the cantonment at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, from the beginning of the work until he and his command were finally joined by the remainder of the regiment, all of which has been under command of Colonel Sanborn since August 26th, 1917.

Colonel Sanborn is an officer of considerable experience and marked ability ready and prompt at all times to meet any demands upon him or his regiment.

3. I part with Colonel Sanborn and his regiment with regret, and I congratulate you on having the regiment as part of your Division.

4. I wish Colonel Sanborn and his regiment every success and good luck.

T. H. BARRY, Major General, U. S. Army,
Comdg. 86th Division, and Camp Grant.

Thus we passed with genuine regret from the command of a general whose treatment of all was marked by the utmost consideration and whose only words when we came under his command were, "If you ever get into serious trouble come to me and I will get you out."

Oct. 1st. For several days before our departure various railroad officials and agents were hard at work rounding up sufficient sleeping cars to transport an entire regiment from Illinois to Texas, in which effort they finally succeeded. In the meantime, on September 29th, the supply company, headquarters company, machine gun company, and all the regimental transportation were sent forward to Camp Logan, to prepare for the arrival of the regiment.

Trains bearing the regimental commander and staff and three battalions left Camp Grant at 1:25 p. m., October 1st, and at half hour intervals thereafter arrived at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, the morning of October 4th.

CHAPTER II

TRAINING AT CAMP LOGAN

From the time the regiment was called into the service until the day it embarked for Europe there was a lack of equipment, of one kind or another. Wherever we were stationed the statement was made. "short-ages will be shipped to you at next station and will no doubt be supplied there without delay." At Camp Grant men were comfortably quartered in buildings. These, however, were rather cold at times during the month of September. There we got rid of a large amount of unserviceable tentage which had been shipped from the state arsenal at Springfield, Illinois, but were unable to draw new tents or very much other equipment, supplies at that point being held for the National Army.

Sufficient tents for the immediate necessities of the command were awaiting us on arrival at Camp Logan. When the regiment marched through the dust to their allotted space on the south side of the triangle around which are grouped the various organizations' areas, the tents were up, mess halls ready for use and the advance detail had other arrangements made to take care of everyone as well as could be expected. The space occupied by the regiment had been only partially prepared.



HIKE TO THE BATTLE FIELD, SAN JACINTO, TEX.

Dining halls and kitchens were built, as were also baths and latrines, but the company streets were not graded, and were full of stumps which had to be dug out. Everyone worked hard during spare time for many days to come putting the grounds into shape. Camp Logan was built on a triangle with the inside left for drill purposes. The area never was sufficient for the requirements of the troops, besides being covered with a growth of pine and oak trees which it became necessary to cut out. The result was crowding during drill hours or the alternative of marching a couple of miles in the hot sun through the dust to the prairie outside the camp. All the other organizations composing the Thirty-third Division had been in Camp Logan for several months before our arrival, and had done considerable pioneer work in the way of making clearings which left no other space for the latecomer. On the fifteenth of October, a change was made in our camp location, the regiment moving several hundred yards west, taking over the ground occupied by the 132nd Infantry, which gave us a small cleared space for drill.

At 12 o'clock midnight of October 10th, the official designation of the First Regiment Illinois Infantry was changed to the 131st Infantry, by which name it was thereafter known. The 131st and 132nd Infantries were assigned to the Sixty-sixth Brigade of the Thirty-third Division, in which organizations both regiments served until mustered out of the service. Major General George Bell, Jr., Commanding Thirty-third Division, and his chief of staff, Colonel William K. Naylor, were absent in France



CAPT. GEORGE N. MALSTROM AND OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE STAFF



MAJ. WALTER H. MAGNER AND STAFF

when the regiment arrived at Camp Logan, having been detailed as observers. They remained absent until December 6th. In the meantime the division was under command of Brigadier General Henry Davis Todd, Jr., of the artillery. Work for the first two months was confined to drills, practice marches and putting the men across the rifle range.

Details were made daily to various schools, at which men were instructed in gas defense, training in use of the bayonet, hand grenades, cooking schools for mess sergeants and cooks and specialties for members of headquarters units and supply company.

A campaign was also started to induce soldiers to subscribe for Liberty Loan bonds and insurance. The 131st Infantry easily led all the other regiments in the division in Liberty Loan subscriptions and came very near being the highest, if not the highest, in the United States on a per capita basis. All men were required to take on life insurance or give full reasons in writing for not doing so. The exceptions were few, confined mostly to men who had no relatives in the country or did not know where any of their families were located.

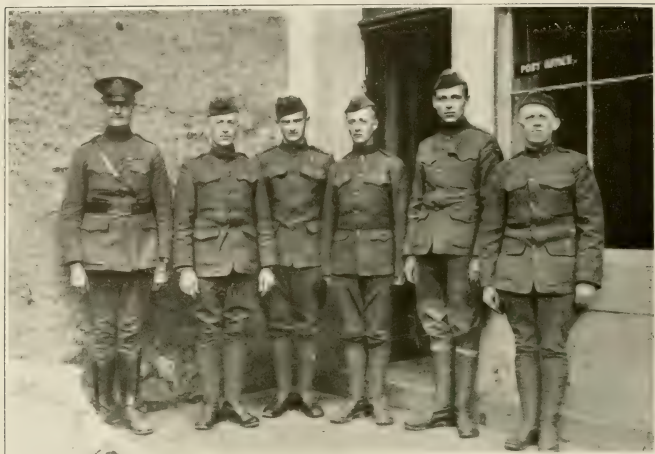
Nov. 1st. Unrest in the oil fields, with strikes and fear of violence, resulted in hastily despatching troops to the infected districts. The first battalion, Major Abel Davis commanding, was sent to Humble on November 2nd, and remained there until relieved by regulars November 15th.

Nov. 8th. Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, with Mrs. Lowden, the Hon. David Shanahan, the adjutant general of Illinois, and several others paid a visit to the troops at Camp Logan. The regiment was at that time on the rifle range about eight miles west of Camp Logan. On this occasion Governor Lowden made a personal presentation to the regiment of a beautiful stand of silk flags, national and regimental, which were carried by the regiment throughout the campaign. The regiment was formed in line. After brief remarks by the governor and the regimental commander the color bearers and guard stepped forward with the old First Illinois Infantry colors, exchanging them for the new.

Dec. 6th. Major General Bell returned from France, called the officers together and after describing conditions as he saw them on the fighting front told the officers what would be expected from them and the men under them. The talk was straight to the point and admitted of no misunderstanding. From that day on officers were gauged by the work they performed, their attention to duty and not by their proficiency in leading social functions at the Rice Hotel in Houston. Those who were thereafter sent before efficiency boards and discharged from the service have raised more or less cry of discrimination against the officers of the National Guard, coupled with the claim that their positions were wanted



MEDICAL OFFICERS AND CHAPLAINS, 131ST INF.



CHAPLAIN THOS. E. EDGERTON AND MAIL ORDERLIES

by the officers of the regular army. General Bell's acts absolutely refute these statements. As subsequent appointments show, all positions so vacated, with possibly one or two exceptions, were filled by promotions within the division and from the National Guard personnel.

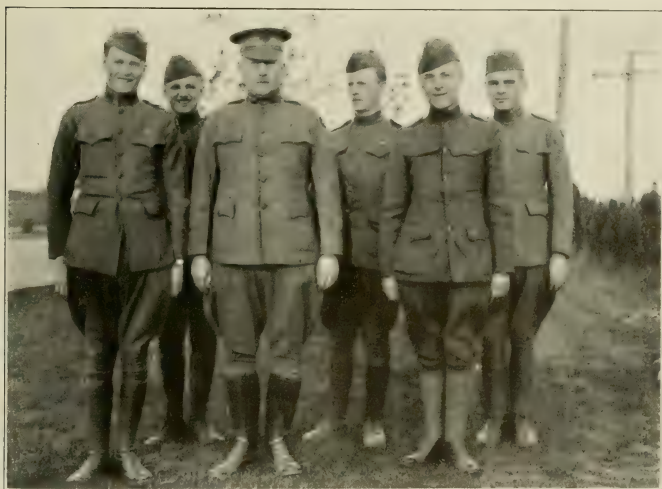
During October and November considerable progress was made in training. Men were hardened by practice marches of about eight miles every few days. Soon after the arrival of General Bell things began to speed up.

Every hour in the day was crowded with work, either drills, schools, marches or inspections. The construction of a complete system of trenches about two miles from Camp was completed and occupied by some organizations nearly all the time until the heavy rains flooded the area. Officers from the British and French Armies were detailed to teach officers and men the various specialties as applied in European warfare such as bayonet, gas, grenades, etc. A special competition was instituted in each Regiment to form a model company; model in drill, deportment and equipment. The winning company in the 131st Infantry was Company E, Captain Hamlet C. Ridgway, commanding. This company in competition with the three model companies of the other infantry regiments won out and was declared the model of the division. Later these four companies were combined into a model battalion, Captain Ridgway was promoted to the rank of major and placed in command.

It was here that the old First Infantry commenced to reap the reward

(?) of its previous efficiency and training. All the Field Officers except the colonel and lieutenant colonel were taken away. Major Abel Davis was made colonel of the 132nd Infantry; Major Clinnin, colonel of the 130th Infantry; Major Bittel was sent to the 130th Infantry and later promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. All the medical officers except Major Amerson were promoted to majors and assigned elsewhere. Major Amerson was later promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel and assigned to command of the sanitary trains. Seven captains of the line were promoted majors, nearly every first lieutenant and many second lieutenants were made captains. All second lieutenants were promoted, the vacancies so caused being filled from the non-commissioned officers. In addition to these wholesale promotions, those sent to Fort Sheridan Training Camp, to the training camp at Fort Sam Houston, transfers and promotions to other regiments and to other arms of the service in all numbered approximately 300. No accurate list can be compiled, due to loss of records after arriving in France, but it is doubtful if any other regiment, certainly none in the west, furnished so many officers to the army as the old First Regiment Illinois Infantry National Guard. It is estimated that fully one thousand officers of the old regiment served in France, either promoted direct from the service or from civil life.

Dec. 16th. About this time men began to speculate on the probable date when the regiment would be filled up to full war strength of 106



CAPT. ROBT. J. JORDAN AND STATISTICAL STAFF



MAJ. FRANCIS M. ALLEN AND STAFF MEDAL OF HONOR MEN, SGT. JAKE ALLEN, CPL. ALEXANDER POPE

Officers and 3,699 men (including medical detachment). Orders were received to take up all extra clothing, leaving men with one uniform only, and ship the excess to Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, for the purpose of fully equipping the division at that camp in anticipation of early orders to proceed overseas. This was not a very pleasant procedure, but orders had to be obeyed. This event and failure to get recruits to fill the regiment to war strength led confirmation to the impression in some quarters that possibly our division would remain in the United States as a training unit. There appears to have been some ground for that impression, which happily did not come to pass.

Jan. 1st. A New Year's reception was held by General Bell, assisted by Mrs. Bell, and other officers of the division at the Rice Hotel, Houston, followed in the evening by a dance. All officers from the camp and many of the society people of Houston were present at the reception.

Training continued without intermission through the months of January, February and March. Schools for officers and non-commissioned officers, including a captain and senior platoon leaders' school, reduced the number of officers on duty with companies to not exceeding two at times. During the latter part of March all troops were again sent to the rifle range and put over the course once more. Some rain fell, leaving considerable water standing on the ground in the vicinity of the rifle range. These pools bred mosquitoes, and before any one realized the possibility

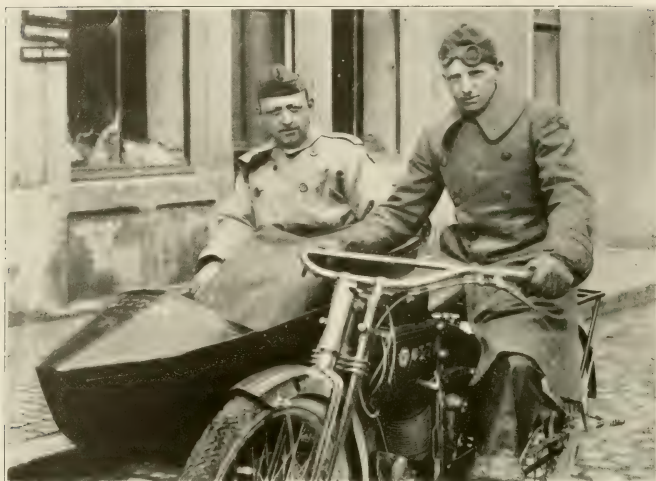
of any kind of infection men were coming down with a sort of dengue fever which temporarily put some companies out of commission. No serious sickness developed from this cause.

April 4th. General Bell had never seen his entire division collected together in formation and was extremely anxious to have everything, including men, animals and transportation, pass in review. Orders were issued for this ceremony to take place on the morning of April 4th, on a large field about one mile northwest of the camp. Some troops had long distances to march to get into position. The 131st Infantry started before daylight to its position on the right of the line, clearing the road for troops to follow by that particular route. The review was a pronounced success and the general expressed himself as satisfied with the appearance and marching of the men.

April 8th. Realizing that the men were getting stale from continual close order drill and that some change from the monotony and grind was necessary, a request was made to the general to permit the 131st Infantry to make a practice march of ten days simulating war conditions, which request was granted. The plan of the operation was to follow up a raiding force as far as Morgan Point, camping at the old San Jacinto battle ground on the ship canal near Lynchburg, then to retreat before a superior force until uniting with our lines south of Houston. The difficulty of locating available camp ground where an ample supply of good water could be found made it impossible to equalize the marches, which averaged from 8 to 12 miles per day, with the exception of the march from San Jacinto to Morgan Point and return, which was about 16 miles. The



OCCUPATION OF LUXEMBOURG AFTER THE ARMISTICE
Guard at the German Eisen und Stahl Werke at Steinfurt Lux.



CHAPLAIN LOEHR AND DRIVER

march was made under field conditions, men and line officers living in shelter tents, field train including rations carts, water carts and cooks with each battalion. The object of the march was to teach men road discipline, accustom them to carrying the pack, teamsters how to handle their animals, cooks to handle the rations in the field and company officers administration under service conditions.

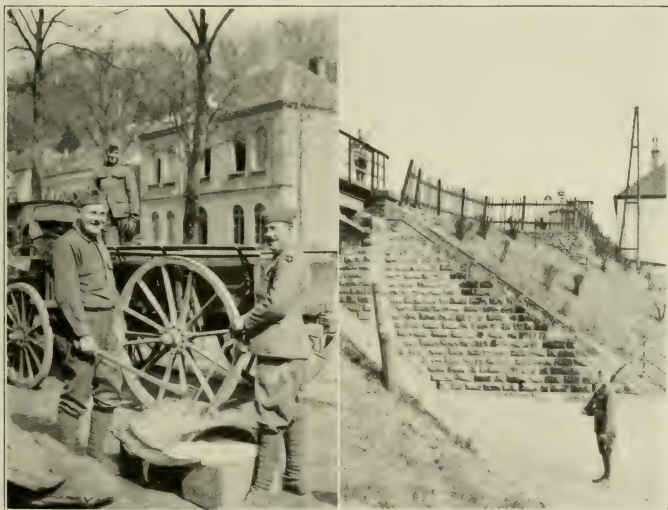
The tour of duty was an unqualified success; there were no stragglers except two men who fell asleep by the side of the road on a night march starting at 2:30 a. m. without previous notice or preparation.

The intelligence section of the headquarters company made maps as required from actual reconnaissance of the ground. Patrols were instructed in sending messages and officers in tactical problems. Within a couple of days the column could march into a field and within ten or fifteen minutes after arrival have a well laid out camp pitched, the range fires lighted and everyone fixed for the night. The regiment camped four days at San Jacinto and operated during that period from there. Reason for this was ample water supply, good bathing and plenty of wood; also that the men were given an opportunity for looking over the historic battle fields and fishing in the channel, which is a place much frequented by people from Houston, who are fond of fishing. The local papers devoted considerable space to account of the progress of the march, condition of the troops, etc., and the camps at night were generally

avored by a number of visitors both from local towns and from Houston.

The regiment returned to Camp Logan April 17th, one day before the big draft contingent arrived from Camp Grant to fill the ranks to approximately war strength.

April 18th. Small numbers of recruits had been received from Camp Dodge and other points prior to April, but commencing the 18th in the neighborhood of 10,000 men came from Camp Grant, Rockford; enough to fill the division up to war strength if the right class of men had been sent. Unfortunately the 86th Division had hopes of going to France at that time and when ordered to send men to the 33rd Division promptly availed themselves of the opportunity of making a selection to their own advantage. We afterwards learned that not only were the guard houses cleaned but the hospitals as well, and if any illiterates were left in that camp it must have been a mistake. The 131st Infantry drew about 1,300 of these men. As fast as they reported they were sent to the surgeons and the physically unfit culled out. On an average of 25 per day were forwarded to the base hospital and from there discharged until about 400 were disposed of. Some others, alien enemies, were gotten rid of in other ways. What were left we were obliged to accept, good or



CUTTING UP BEEF, RATION DETAIL

GUARD ON GERMAN BORDER AT
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A GERMAN SENTRY BOX

GERMAN WATER SUPPLY, BOIS DE
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bad. Nearly all turned out to be good men. A second contingent from Camp Grant turned out better than the first, but there never were quite enough men available to fully fill the ranks and the division landed in France short of the full complement of officers and men.

April 25th. Orders were received for the division to prepare for overseas service and to be ready to leave for the coast whenever vessel room became available. From that time on everybody was busy cleaning up, packing up and shipping home unnecessary articles.

It was a matter of much regret that we were obliged to turn in all of our live stock, including officers' mounts and a fine lot of trained machine gun mules. Many were the sad partings between drivers and their faithful teams who had trained together for many months.

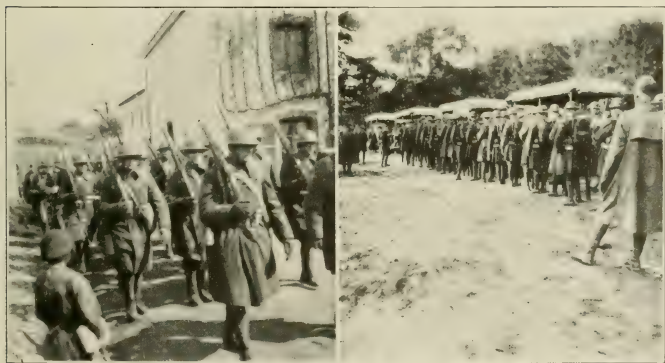
No information whatever was given out as to when or by what route troops would leave camp. The only intimation men in the camp had that troop movements were on was when they saw some part of the camp deserted which the day before was filled with soldiers.

May 3rd. A careful inspection was made of clothing and equipment, lists of shortages were telegraphed to Washington; articles to be sent to assembly point near port of embarkation. The last train on board of which was the headquarters of the 131st Infantry left Camp Logan, Texas, for Camp Upton, N. Y., May 9th, 10:25 a. m. This train arrived in Chicago late at night May 11th and was due to leave over the New York Central at about 3:00 a. m. The regimental commander and one officer (Major Amerson) caught a fast train at St. Louis arrived in Chicago at 11:30 p. m., thereby being able to see a few friends and relatives for about three hours. No other people in Chicago were aware of

the fact that men of their own regiments were passing through the city. There was, however, some suspicion that Chicago men were on the way to the coast, as we found women, generally mothers, in the switch buildings waiting and hoping. One woman had been sitting in one of these dingy rooms for 48 hours without food or sleep, looking for her boy on every train load of soldiers passing through. Her son had passed through a few hours before she commenced her lonely vigil and she did not see him.

By early morning the 15th all of the regiment was assembled at Camp Upton, L. I., where it remained until the morning of the 20th, on which day the entire organization after traveling to Brooklyn by train was ferried around to Hoboken, to the pier alongside of which was the S. S. Leviathan, formerly the German S. S. Vaterland, one of the largest ships afloat, on board of which men were placed and assigned to quarters. At the time the 131st arrived the division commander and other troops with the exception of the artillery had already left or were on board boats in New York harbor.

The chief of staff turned over the affairs of the division, which were not yet closed, to Colonel Sanborn, 131st Infantry, who arranged for a casual detachment in charge of a couple of officers to remain and pick up various men of the division who, absent with and without leave, were to be forwarded from time to time. In the meantime General Henry Davis Todd, Jr., with the artillery, had arrived in Camp Merritt. He brought with him about 125 casualties, who were later sent to Camp Upton and forwarded to France. Colonel Sanborn and Governor Lowden of Illinois, the latter arriving in New York the 21st, went to Camp Merritt the afternoon of that day to pay a visit to Colonel Milton J. Foreman



COMPANY M LEAVING A FRENCH TOWN

COMPANY EMBUSSING FOR THE FRONT

and our artillery friends. Our artillery did not join the division again until after the war was over, having been assigned to various positions with other divisions in the line where they saw hard fighting and did fine work.

The S. S. Leviathan steamed out of New York harbor with ports closed and everybody below decks at about 3:45 p. m. Wednesday, May 22nd.

The voyage across was very enjoyable to everybody. Owing to the immense size of the ship there was no perceptible movement and no one was sea sick. The ship carried on this trip about 13,000 soldiers and crew, later carried up to nearly 20,000. Major General A. Cronkhite was in command of troops aboard.

He later became Corps Commander of the Sixth Corps, Second American Army, to which our Division was assigned from Dec. 18, 1918, to March 31, 1919.

About 100 women nurses from Chicago were on board assigned to some hospital unit already in France. With the army and the navy both to pick from these girls had no difficulty in passing away the time very pleasantly. One of the two bands on board played music all of every afternoon and until about 10:00 p. m. The younger officers and the nurses kept the floor occupied. We were joined by our convoy of destroyers in the early morning of the 29th. They could always be seen scouting, before, behind and on both sides of the big ship at a distance of about one mile. Nothing happened until the morning of the 30th, off the coast of France, when suddenly the guns on the Leviathan opened fire, breaking some of the windows and sending everybody to their boat stations. It was said that four submarines had attempted to maneuver so as to strike the Leviathan, and one torpedo was actually launched from the rear but did not reach the ship. It was later reported that two of the submarines were destroyed and a third surrendered badly damaged.



CAMP LOGAN, TEXAS
When Cleaned Up

CAMP LOGAN, TEXAS
On Arrival

CHAPTER III

ON FRENCH SOIL

Our transport came to anchor in the harbor of Brest, France, about noon, May 30th, 1918, and all units of the regiment went ashore that day except Company E, which was left to clean up ship and furnish details for loading freight and baggage. As troops were transferred to the shore on lighters they were formed in column, marched to the Pontanezen Barracks about three and one-half miles from Brest, and assigned to quarters.

Facilities for unloading large vessels of the Leviathan type at Brest were bad. The ship could not come up alongside the wharves on account of shallow water, consequently men and freight were lightered ashore. The men could be formed and marched away but the baggage, thrown as it was in great heaps without facilities for sorting, resulted in serious loss. Barracks bags of the men and officers' personal baggage were as a rule kept separate from regimental baggage and freight and a negligible quantity lost.

No effort whatever was made to give a regiment its own transportation, wagons, ration carts, etc., or other military equipment except what was carried on the man. Information was given out that all military



PONTANEZEN BARRACKS, BREST, FRANCE, WHERE THE 131ST INFANTRY WERE BILLETED UPON ARRIVING IN FRANCE



GUARDING LINES OF COMMUNICATION AT WASSERBILIG, LUX.
OBERBILIG, GERMANY, ACROSS RIVER

property would be collected, sorted, forwarded and issued to whatever organization needed it first. Other boxes containing records and personal property were to be forwarded later. The result was acres upon acres of material piled up everywhere and although several officers were sent to Brest in an attempt to locate property, very little was found. Generally it was discovered the boxes had been opened, property of value for military use taken out and what was left in many cases scattered or stolen. The result was discouraging to troops who had painted and lettered their wagons carefully, indicated boxes in which company property, including typewriters, stencils, mimeographs, etc., was packed. The 131st Infantry lost priceless records, and a large amount of individual private property.

The barracks to which the regiment was sent were designated as a rest point in which troops were held a few days before forwarding to training areas. The buildings were erected by Napoleon the First, and have always been used as barracks. Their construction is not modern, there was a lack of sufficient water for bathing purposes, rooms were overcrowded and every one was glad to get away from there when orders came to move.

June 2nd. The regiment entrained at Brest and detrained the morning of June 4th, at Oisemont. This was the first time our troops had experienced the novelty of riding in foreign coaches, where they were shut up in small compartments holding an average of eight men, with no opportunity to circulate through the train or get off the cars

except at stations designated, for coffee, exercise, etc. The journey carried us through some of the most attractive parts of France and men beheld for the first time the small, intensively cultivated fields common to the country, already green with growing crops. The route lay through Rouen, beyond which German aeroplanes were occasionally dropping bombs by night, in consequence of which all lights were forbidden. Beyond Rouen the route lay through a hospital area, into which were creeping long lines of cars on the side of which was shown the Red Cross. This brought vividly to the attention of every one the fact that beyond, not very far away, soldiers were being wounded and maimed in battle.

After detraining at Oisemont in the early morning, battalions were directed to the rest camp a short distance out of town, where they were given a hot breakfast, plenty of clean water and a few hours' rest before starting the march to their various billeting towns.

Following assignments were made: Regimental headquarters, supply and headquarters company, Caumont, First battalion, Citeron, Second battalion, Hoquincourt, Third battalion, Frucourt. On account of inconvenient surroundings and distance from troops the regimental headquarters and other units at Caumont moved to Frucourt the 5th. Here we came under training supervision of the Nineteenth British Corps, Fourth British Army (Tactical), and were joined by a cadre of British officers and non-commissioned officers. After consultation with the British lieutenant-colonel in charge of the cadre, plans were formulated covering a progressive course of instruction, drill grounds arranged for,



EVACUATION HOSPITAL AT GLORIEUX



BRAY. GERMAN PRISONER DRIVING BRITISH G. S. WAGON

rifle ranges built and we were beginning to feel that some practical work was to commence when orders were received to make another move.

It was here that our officers and men first became familiar with the billeting system prevalent in Europe, under which all people are required to turn over to troops such rooms, barns and shelter as is not actually required for the use of the family. A careful account is kept by the billeting officer of space used, certificates issued, and on the basis of these vouchers settlement is made by the government at a fixed rate.

Our men soon made themselves at home with the people; the only difficulty experienced was where men moved their billets or spread out into more space without consulting the billeting officer, result of which was claims requiring considerable trouble to adjust.

Here we noticed for the first time that in these little French farming villages and towns no one was left except old men, women and little children, many of them wearing emblems of mourning for husbands and sons killed in the defense of their country. All except the very old or very young worked in the fields from early morning until late at night, day after day, except Sundays, preparing their frugal meals after dark, never complaining, with a steadfastness of faith that was both touching and noble.

Their work was never slighted, the fields were as beautifully cultivated and the crops as faithfully gathered as before. Truly the hardships were great, for the government had taken away the greater portion of their horses and wagons, but what they had lost in utilities they made up by incessant toil. It was difficult for the prodigal American to understand why the people saved every little twig, every bit of straw and every other little thing they had been in the habit of throwing

away. They were learning their first lesson in thrift and economy so characteristic of the French people. Later they also learned that the French peasant never spends the fraction of a cent except for the necessities of life.

June 10th. The regiment started to change station, moving to towns near the coast in the vicinity of the city of Eu. This change entailed two days of hard marching over rather hilly roads with full equipment. Quite a number of men reported at the end of the journey with bad feet. Night of June 10th, various units were stationed as follows: Regimental headquarters, LeMesnil Reaume, First battalion, Mille Bosc, Second battalion, Monchy, Third battalion, Melleville, machine gun company, Steptmeules.

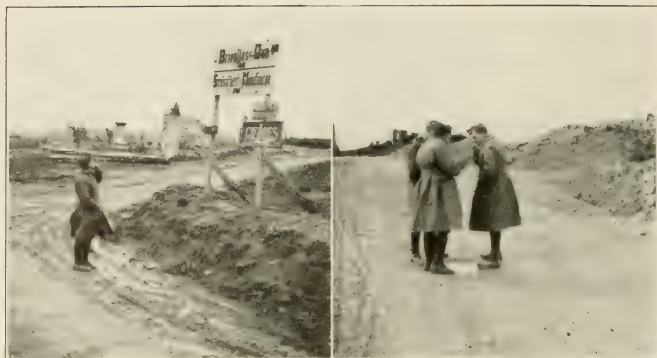
June 13th, regimental headquarters moved to Baromesnil. Here the regiment came under a new cadre of British Officers and non-commissioned officers and the work progressed on the usual lines until June 21st, when the entire organization assembled by marching at Gamaches and embussed for Pierregot, arriving that night.

June 21st. We came under the training of Third British Corps, Fourth Army, B. E. F. On our way to our new station we passed around the outskirts of the bombarded and deserted city of Amiens, thence on towards the front lines and realized soon after arrival at the new station that we were in the war zone. In fact the enemy's forward lines were only 12 miles distant. Everyone was required to carry gas masks and troops located in tents dug ditches for protection against night bombing which regularly occurred. A few men were wounded here and one or two killed.



DUG-OUT INTELLIGENCE SECTION
FRONT OF VERDUN

SOLDIERS AT PLAY



BATTLE AREA. DIRECTING SIGNS MAIN STREET OF A WELL KNOWN
FRENCH TOWN

Frequently British aviators engaged German planes, affording some exciting episodes. One very large German plane carrying seven men loaded with bombs was brought down. The bombs attached to the plane exploded when it struck the earth, blowing the occupants of the machine into pieces except two who jumped and were killed by the fall. While in this area the usual precautions were observed: troops were marched by night only except in small groups, animals and wagons were parked under cover of trees, all lights were screened at night and dumps of various kinds were carefully camouflaged.

At Pierregot two British officers were assigned to the regiment, each with a corps of instructors under the command. Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. Rickman, Seventh Sherwood Foresters, later Lieutenant-Colonel Hector F. Whitehead, formerly with a Scotch battalion which was entirely wiped out. After his separation from us he was placed in command of the Fourteenth Royal Berkshire Regiment, sent to Italy, went into Austria, was sent home the latter part of March, 1919, landing finally as a citizen in his old home town of Kingussie, Scotland, near where he can again indulge in his favorite sport of salmon fishing in the lochs of Scotland.

Under these officers rapid progress was made in the study of methods of modern warfare. Colonel Whitehead especially was a hard headed fighting old Scotchman and believed in the extermination of the Hun from the start. In addition to classes in defense against gas, bayonet work, bombing, rifle practice, trench mortar and 37 millimetre gun practice, occupation of trenches as far forward as the front lines became a regular routine. The trenches occupied were a part of the system in

front of Albert, northeast of Amiens, extending to the rear for several miles, each group of line being part of the system to be held or occupied in the event of the Germans succeeding in a new offensive.

At that time the British were not contemplating any offensive, but were rather picking out the points on which to retire if pressed. The city of Amiens was being shelled regularly. Albert was in ruins and occupied by the Germans. The game was a waiting one on both sides, with occasional raids, especially on the part of the line held by the Australians. Nightly the sky was lighted along the entire northern horizon by fire works and numerous big guns shelling the trenches and roads to the front and rear.

We first started in where it was comparatively quiet, then occupied sections of the line generally with Australians on both sides until finally we were assigned to a few tasks on our own account. Officers were continually sent to the Australian brigades and battalion posts in front for observation; study of British methods of issuing orders, etc. Some of us were at Heilly, where the long range German guns rained a shower of shells at intervals day and night, sometimes causing a few casualties, always smashing buildings, roads and bridges and occasionally but not often hitting a British gun. At times we were fortunate to witness from a safe point a concentration of fire on some luckless village, lasting until it became a havoc of smoking ruin. Sometimes we came under the force of the bombardment; then it was a case of getting down under the ground where it was safe. In this retreat one could feel the ground shaken by bursting shells like the tremors of an earthquake.



MINENWERFER CAPTURED BY 131ST
INF. SEPT. 26TH

MACHINE GUNS CAPTURED BY 131ST
INF. SEPT. 26TH



GERMAN CROWN PRINCE'S OBSERVATION POST, MONTFAUCON GERMAN MACHINE GUN NEST, BOIS DE CHAUME

June 23rd. Our first occupation of trenches was defensive in what was called the Vaiden Line, crossing the Hallue river, a dry stream at that time. There was no firing on these trenches, but the requirements were that orders be issued down to the smallest detail of trench occupation including disposition in depth, liaison between units, placing of machine guns, trench mortars and a concrete plan for counter-attack if driven out at any point. A critique of dispositions and orders was made and faulty situations corrected. The march to positions was covered by regular advance guard formation. Troops remained in the trenches one day then returned to billets.

June 26th. Details occupied the Daily Mail Line in the same district with orders to dig in and wire the position nights of June 26-27, sending patrols and covering parties forward. The same day the regiment occupied the southern section of the Vaiden Line, withdrawing night of June 29, 1918.

June 29th. Company E, Captain James W. Luke commanding, and Company C, Captain Carroll M. Gale commanding, were ordered to proceed to Allonville by marching for the purpose of training with the Fourth Australian Brigade. These companies were later advised they were designated for service at the front. Details of officers were made to complete the organization and one platoon of Company K, under command of First Lieutenant Samuel C. Davis, was assigned to Company E, to fill the company to full strength. Some officers were detailed to go along as observers but appear to have been recalled. The following officers were, however, with the Australians in the fight which followed July 4th:

Captain George R. Miller,
Major Harry E. Cheney,
First Lieutenant Charles F. Tapper.

On the same date the first battalion and second battalion received orders to be ready to move at a moment's notice.

June 30th. The first battalion moved to Freshencourt, second battalion, to Daours, third remained at Pierregot. It was evident the Australians contemplated using both these battalions in the offensive which followed, but orders were sent not to put the American troops in; these orders did not reach them in time to withdraw Companies C and E.

July 2nd. The first battalion remained in the vicinity of Villers Britteneaux, second battalion at Daours near Corbie, in reserve. Second battalion returned to Allonville, July 3rd, reaching Pierregot, July 6th.

July 3rd. The third battalion which had remained in Pierregot took part in a terrain exercise in connection with the 132nd Infantry in the vicinity of the Vaiden trenches. This was a brigade maneuver of which the commanding officer, 131st Infantry, was in command.



RUINS OF ETAIN

GERMAN DUG-OUT, ST. HILAIRE



CONFERRING THE LEGION OF HONOR—BREST



FORMATION FOR PRESENTATION OF DECORATIONS—BREST

CHAPTER IV

AMIENS SECTOR

ATTACK ON HAMEL

OPERATIONS TO AUGUST 7, 1918

MAP REFERENCE: BAYONVILLE, 1/20,000

July 1th. There were great manifestations of joy when orders were received for Companies C and E to report to Allonville for training with the Fourth Australian brigade of the third corps. The Australians were an independent, alert, energetic lot of men and splendid fighters. From the time our soldiers first came in contact with them they mixed well and each took kindly to the other. The remaining Companies, A, B, D, First battalion and F, G, and H, Second battalion; were held in reserve, in positions previously noted.

As early as the 27th of June a move was contemplated by the Australians to attack the enemy and drive him from a ridge east of Hamel. There appears to be no doubt that it was the intention of officers in command to use these two American battalions as a part of the attacking force. Some doubt being entertained by the American high command as to just how these troops were to be used, led to a late order by wire not to use them. The order, however, came too late to entirely change dispositions, which resulted in Companies C and E being left in the line. Company E was reported to the Forty-third Australian battalion, Company C, to the Forty-second Australian battalion. Other battalion and company headquarters personnel were distributed as stretcher bearers, medical details and intelligence throughout the attacking troops.

The town of Hamel is located about 2,000 yards south of the river Somme, 5,000 yards east of the town of Corbie and about 5,500 yards a little south of west of the town of Chipilly. Little did the soldiers of the regiment who took part in the attack at Hamel realize that in the short period of a few days over a month they would be storming the heights of Chipilly Ridge, which could be faintly seen on that eventful Fourth of July day through the mist and smoke, after the battle.

The object of this battle was to take a triangular piece of territory about 5,000 yards long and about 2,000 yards deep at its northern end, which constituted a dominating piece of the ridge just east of Hamel from which the enemy had good observation on our front line system.



RUINS OF ALBERT

GERMAN PRISONERS AT WORK

The taking of this salient would also straighten out our lines crossing the Somme river at Sailly-Laurette, thence extending along the top of the ridge southeast of Hamel.

Two days prior to the attack officers from the different organizations went and lived in the line and did patrol work. As a result of this reconnaissance, it was found that the enemy was comparatively close, 250 yards on the right flank, was also very active with machine guns from this quarter. On the left flank he was about 700 yards away and was not very active. There were high crops in No Man's Land which promised good cover. The enemy had a trench system on the west side of Hamel which run through Notamel wood, swinging southwest along the high ground towards the Pear trench. It was anticipated that he had fairly strong garrisons in Hamel stationed in deep dug-outs, which proved to be correct.

On the 29th of June the brigade practiced with tanks near Vaux-en-Amiènces, which was most instructive, as it gave the men some idea of tank tactics and promised confidence in action. The officers were told all details on the 30th, but the men were not told until the morning of July 2nd.

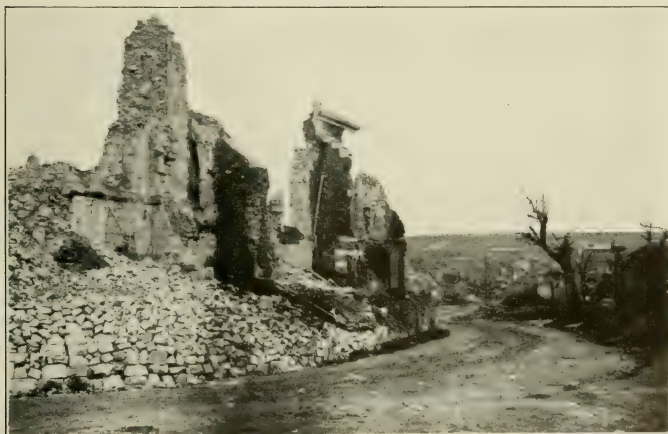
It was decided to move up from billets on X day, halting near the Somme, to relieve the Fifty-first battalion in the line on XY night and to occupy trenches on XY night and Y day. This gave the men one day's resting and enabled them to get a look over the ground of attack by daylight. The battalions moved by platoons at 200 yards interval, bivouac'ing in the Somme Valley near Bussy, where the men had a swim and a hot meal.

Captain Gale states in his report that the troops were directed to remain very quiet July 3rd, in order not to arouse the suspicions of the enemy as to the increase in the strength of the trench garrison. Advantage throughout the day was taken of an observing point in the eastern edge of Vaire-Sous-Corbie, which overlooked the ground on which the action was to take place. All platoon commanders were called in one at a time and studied the ground, land marks, etc., from this observing point. This made up to a large extent for the lack of actual reconnaissance of the ground. From this observation, from maps and from aeroplane pictures which were distributed down to sergeants, a good idea of the ground was obtained.

Fifteen tanks, exclusive of supply tanks, were used on the brigade front. Each tank carried twenty-four filled Lewis gun magazines and one box of small arms ammunition to supplement supplies. Two mortars followed the line to be used in case of resistance at any point. Specialties carried one hundred rounds of small arms ammunition, all others two hundred rounds. Each Lewis gun section carried eighteen magazines between them. Every man carried three sand bags, each man, except signallers and numbers one and two of guns, carried either a pick or a shovel. Men were supplied with 48 hours' rations and two water bottles filled.

The assembly point is shown on the accompanying map. Officers on each flank of the battalions were responsible for directions.

At 12:30 a. m., July 4th, a platoon started for the jumping off place,



VILLAGE OF HAMEL.



DESPATCH RIDERS, 131ST INFANTRY

which was designated by a white tape running through the grain and clover fields. This jumping off place was three or four hundred yards in front of the front trenches on a diagonal to the objective.

The American troops were in their proper places at 1:30 a. m., and the barrage came down at 3:10 a. m., as per schedule, forming an almost perfect line which was maintained throughout the advance, enabling the troops to keep very close to the falling shells. There was one exception to the perfect shooting of this barrage by two guns on the right flank, which fell short, and caused quite a number of casualties. One American and one Australian were killed by this barrage while they were lying down. One American officer was also wounded.

The barrage started 200 yards east of the tape line, and lifted by 100 yard lifts every three minutes for ten lifts when it halted for ten minutes, thereafter it lifted 100 yards every four minutes, and the protective barrage halted 400 yards east of the objective for half an hour. In addition thereto were some field guns and twelve howitzers, 161 guns in all engaged in counter battery work. Twenty machine guns supplemented the barrage on the brigade front from the high ground north of the Somme.

The Third Corps on the north and the French Corps on the south also co-operated in the artillery fire. Smoke and gas were fired by our barrage guns at zero, again at the ten-minute halt and two minutes before the lift after the halt. To cover the approach of the tanks from their assembly position, 1,000 yards behind the infantry, our artillery put down harassing fire for eight minutes before zero.

Zero hour was designated at 3:10 a. m., and the troops moved forward at that time. The morning was very dark, and the dust and smoke added to the darkness so that it was impossible to see more than a few yards ahead. This caused a tendency to lose direction, which was soon corrected.

The Eleventh Australian brigade was attached to the Fourth Australian division for this operation, and attacked on the left of the divisional front. The Forty-second, Forty-third and Forty-fourth battalions were used in the assault with the Forty-first battalion in brigade reserve. The Forty-third battalion attacked on the right of the brigade sector and penetrated 1,700 yards, including the village of Hamel and trench systems to the west of the village. The Forty-fourth battalion leap-frogged through the Forty-third battalion at the ten-minutes halt of the barrage and penetrated to the old Amiens line on a road east of Hamel. The Forty-second battalion attacked on the left and penetrated to the old Amiens line. Company C, 131st Infantry, was attached to the Forty-second battalion with dispositions as follows: Captain Carroll M. Gale, company headquarters; third platoon, First Lieutenant Charles M. Porter commanding, fourth platoon, First Lieutenant Albert G. Jefferson commanding, to Company B; first platoon, First Lieutenant Fred L. Rinkliff commanding, to Company A; second platoon, Second Lieutenant John C. Heyl commanding, to Company C, and with them advanced up the hill northeast of Hamel, taking the dug-outs, trenches and machine



66TH BRIGADE HDQRS., DEUXNOUDS
Former Hdqrs. of Gen. Ludendorff



HEADQUARTERS OF GEN. WOLF AT GERNONVILLE

gun nests on and beyond the hill. Captain W. J. Luke, commanding the company, was attached to the battalion as an observer. Company E, 131st Infantry, was attached to the Forty-third battalion.

Captain Gale, of Company C, who was on the left of the advancing line, states in his report that they advanced in practically one line, met no opposition for about 1,000 yards, but from there on considerable numbers of the enemy were encountered in various places. All that were met gave themselves up before hand to hand action was possible. From trenches and dug-outs approximately 150 prisoners were taken by Company C, nearly half of whom were wounded. Numbers of machine guns, anti-tank guns, three minenwerfers and one supply tank were captured by them.

The Forty-third battalion, to which Company E was attached, got into the fight first. They struck opposition about 300 yards from the first advance, where enemy machine guns opened up, killing an Australian lieutenant and wounding others. Further on another section came under machine gun fire, which gun was rushed by one American and Australian, and the occupants bayonneted. During this period of the fight an Australian Lewis gunner named Shaw did fine work in silencing three machine gun nests, personally killing a German officer who fired at him and killing another German after his magazine became empty by strik-



HDQRS. 33RD DIVISION, FROMERVILLE

ing him over the head with his revolver. He captured the enemy post alone. The enemy gun was found with bullet holes through the casing, and there were eight Germans dead in the post. He afterwards captured another enemy machine gun in a quarry east of Hamel, from which seventeen prisoners were taken out alive.

In all Shaw fired nine magazines throughout the operation and proved the value of a Lewis gun in the hands of a brave and determined man. Other enemy machine gun nests were encountered along the line which were overcome by a squad of Australian Lewis gunners. Considerable opposition was met with near the western edge of Hamel, where there were some dugouts. A reserve platoon of Americans, in charge of Lieutenant Symons, worked around to the flank, overcoming the position. The lieutenant was wounded, but his runner, who was the only Australian with the platoon, took charge and cleaned up the situation. The platoon rushed the dugouts and three Germans who attempted to run were shot. This platoon went into Hamel and continued the mopping-up. There was also considerable resistance from the trenches in Notamel, where there were also small dugouts.

Capt. Herman H. Weimer, Company E, at that time first lieutenant and assistant battalion intelligence officer, who was present and took part in the engagement, states in his report:

July 1st was devoted to practicing timed advances. The morning of July 2nd was spent in issuing equipment and in informing the men of what was required of them during the coming battle.

The first platoon of E Company, First Lieut. A. N. Clissold commanding, was attached to A Company, Forty-third battalion, Australian Imperial Forces; second platoon, Second Lieut. R. L. Lee commanding, attached to B Company; third platoon, Second Lieut. E. R. Plummer commanding, attached to C Company, and fourth platoon, First Lieut.



GERMAN PILL BOX, BOIS DE CHAUME

LUNCH ON BATTLEFIELD NEAR
CHIPPILLY

S. C. Davis commanding, attached to D Company; the entire organization being under the direct command of the Lieutenant Colonel in charge of the Forty-third battalion, Australians.

The organization left Cardonette at noon, July 2, 1918, halted along the Somme, bathed, drew bombs and intrenching tools, then continued the march and relieved the Australian troops in the line facing Hamel on the night of July 2nd.

There was only the usual activity during the day of July 3rd. One platoon of D Company, 131st Infantry, arrived in the line on the night of July 3rd. Orders were received compelling their withdrawal at 10 p. m.

Details of Australians laid tape in front of trenches by 11 p. m., and men climbed out of trenches and formed up on tape at midnight, July 3rd-4th.

At 3:02 a. m. British Artillery opened heavy harassing fire, which played for eight minutes, and at 3:10 a. m. tremendous barrage was laid down 100 yards in front of the tape and the advance commenced, the barrage lifting 100 yards every minute until assault waves arrived in front of the town of Hamel.

Before reaching Hamel the enemy's front and support lines had been taken and mopped up, many prisoners and machine guns being taken. Barrage played on Hamel for ten minutes, while troops reformed, then barrage lifted, playing on German reserves and artillery positions.

When barrage lifted from Hamel our troops (E Company and the Forty-third battalion, Australians) rushed in, mopped up machine gun

emplacements, houses, barns, factories, stores, dugouts, etc., while the Forty-fourth battalion, Australians, who had acted as our support wave in the advance to this point, went around each side of Hamel, reformed, advanced and dug in on the military crest of the ridge beyond.

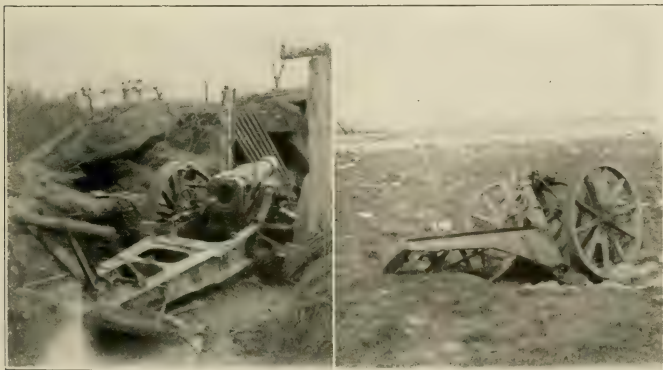
Six tanks were used in assisting assault wave and did good work; two of them were knocked out by enemy artillery.

The front covered by the Forty-third battalion, Australians (including troops of E Company), extended from the Somme River to a point opposite the left of Vaire Woods, about 2,600 yards, or about a total of one man for every two yards of front.

Shortly before midnight, July 4th, the enemy made a vigorous counter-attack on a small front, approximately 300 yards, and succeeding in capturing 80 yards of the front line trench with five Australians and two of our men, but before they had an opportunity to withdraw the first platoon of E Company flanked the right of the enemy attacking party, and an Australian platoon flanked its left and succeeding not only in recapturing the five Australians and two Americans, but in addition secured four enemy officers, fifty-three enemy soldiers and three machine guns.

Relief was to be made on night of July 5th, but because of heavy enemy strafe, relieving forces were delayed, and relief was not completed until early on the morning of July 6th.

After leaving Corbie, E Company parted from the Australians and proceeded to Moliens-au-Bois, where the division and brigade commanders congratulated the victorious troops, and where the first rifle to be captured by our troops was presented to Major General Bell.



GERMAN GUN CAPTURED BY 131ST
INF., EAST OF GERCOURT

GERMAN TRENCH MORTAR



GERMAN BATTERY CAPTURED BY 131ST INF. NEAR GERCOURT

The total number of prisoners captured in the Hamel operations amounted to over 1,600. Those captured by the Forty-third battalion, Australians, and E Company, 11 officers and 683 men, and of this number four officers, 289 men were taken by members of E Company.

The casualties suffered by E Company in this operation were as follows:

Killed in action, officers, none; men, 10.

Wounded, officers, 1; men, 23.

Gassed, officers, none; men, 34.

Tanks did not catch up with the infantry until the 10-minutes halt of the barrage, but they did excellent work in mopping-up the village. The most of the enemy in the village were found in deep dugouts and easily surrendered. Out of one dugout C Company, Intelligence, captured a German battalion headquarters of four officers and twenty-three other ranks unaided. After the tanks got to working there was good co-operation between them and the infantry. One entire line of dugouts was crushed in by a single tank, which appeared to be a great surprise to the enemy and prisoners taken seemed to be much afraid of them. Six of the tanks were assigned to the Forty-second battalion, and Captain Gale in his report states that they did wonderful work. The moral effect of tanks on our troops was as good as it was demoralizing to the



RUINS OF CHURCH, SIVRY SUR MEUSE OUTSIDE VIEW OF CHURCH, SIVRY
SUR MEUSE
German Machine Gun Nest Located in Tower

enemy. The tanks would immediately make for any suspicious spot, flattening out everything that came in their path.

British aircraft had entire control of the air during the day time of the two days' occupation with the exception of about half an hour when the German planes formed in a mass and flew over the positions. Contact planes located front lines easily and accurately. Contact planes were kept hovering over the troops throughout the two days, which was a great source of comfort to all the troops. Combat planes also kept harassing the enemy with bombs and machine gun fire. These planes also did considerable work in bringing water and ammunition to isolated front trenches.

The work of the artillery left very little for the infantry to do except to occupy the shell swept areas and mop up. Its accuracy was marvelous with the exception previously noted.

The final objective was the old British trench system, well suited for defense, and was also well known to the enemy, being shown on all his maps. The consequence was heavy shelling of the position after capture. Such heavy shelling was foreseen and in order to avoid a portion of it outposts were posted well forward of the trench lines.

Captain Gale states that one platoon showed great coolness in action in marking out and digging the trenches. Our runners and stretcher



A SHELL BURSTING ON THE EDGE OF BOIS LES HAUTES EPINES

bearers were paired with Australians, and did most excellent work. Signal men got in early communication with battalion headquarters and maintained it.

The Australian commander states that the Americans did excellent work, considering their first time in action, and fought splendidly. The officers and men were most anxious to learn and eager for the fight. The platoons were employed in all parts of battalion formations, and men showed great dash and courage, and did splendid work with the bayonet. One platoon of E Company, under Lieutenant Clissold, did fine work throughout the operations, and never lost a single man. Section commanders had excellent control of their men at all times.

The battle at Hamel was the first engagement in which any troops of the 131st Infantry took part. The men went into the fight with great dash and maintained their courage to the end, and without any straggling. The Australians freely expressed themselves afterwards to the effect that the only complaint they could make was that our men were too savage and swift; they displayed remarkable dash and endeavored to be first and foremost in the fight, the Australians said.

Inasmuch as this was an Australian operation no account or record was made of prisoners or material directly captured by the Americans. One machine gun, however, which was captured under exceptional con-

ditions of bravery, was presented to the organization by the Australians as a souvenir.

On the 12th of August, 1918, his Majesty, the King of England, presented personally eleven medals of honor to officers and men of the 131st Infantry participating in this engagement.

July 6th. Practice occupation of trenches northwest of Pierregot (skeleton organizations).

July 8th. Skeleton occupation of trenches beyond Contay.

July 12-13. Maneuvers in same territory.

July 17-18. Entire regiment at 9 p. m. occupied the trenches in the Baizieux system for 24 hours, then returned to Pierregot. On the 23rd the first battalion reoccupied the trenches, and from there were sent into the front line system, under orders of the Forty-seventh division, and were attached by platoons to British companies in the line for 48 hours. Second and Third battalions remained in Pierregot, the first battalion was relieved by the second, second battalion was relieved by the third battalion.

August 2-3. Following the first occupation, under the plan as outlined above, the battalions were assigned to positions entire with British battalions on either sides, second battalion went in July 27th, third battalion July 31st.

First battalion again moved forward to Baizieux trenches, 9 p. m., August 3rd, but did not relieve the third battalion, who remained in the front line trenches until night of 6th, when they were relieved by the Nineteenth London battalion (British). At 3 a. m. the regimental commander went forward to observe their relief. This battalion marched the entire distance from the trenches to Pierregot, arriving at 11 a. m., August 7th. Two companies of the 124th machine gun battalion were at the same time attached to a machine gun battalion of the Forty-seventh.

On the night of August 2nd-3rd, upon verbal orders from the battalion commander, one platoon of Company L, under command of Capt. Walter H. Magner, advanced and took up a position from W27b99 to W27d36, located on the west edge of the city of Albert. At 2 o'clock on August 3rd, orders were received from the battalion commander for the platoon to take up a position on the east edge of town at a bridge located at W28b85, covering a working party of the Twentieth, London, which were digging trenches through the town. A patrol of the Twentieth, London, was to cover the bridge on the left and a patrol of the Nineteenth, London, the bridge on the right. When entering the town from the north a few of the enemy were encountered and driven off. Upon reaching the objective a strong German patrol was encountered, consisting of four machine guns and fifty to sixty rifles. After taking

up a defensive position at the point patrols were sent to try to locate the Nineteenth, London, and Twentieth, London, on the right and left, but they could not be located. One man of the Nineteenth, London, was picked up and stated that his patrol was badly shot up, and had withdrawn. At daybreak the patrol returned to their former position west of Albert.

The position assigned to these battalions was facing Albert, where they all came under fire from German trenches and German artillery. Our patrols were very active, and as a result of this activity the Germans withdrew from their forward trenches, which included the ruins of Albert to other trenches somewhat farther north.

Patrols sent out by Captain Magner penetrated into and through the city of Albert, keeping enemy forces out of the city.

The third battalion was in the trenches August 4th, when orders were received by Major Allen commanding, to move the entire battalion up night of August 4th-5th to unoccupied German trenches. Plans were formulated by him for the move which was carried out with machine-like precision under heavy enemy bombardment of shrapnel and gas.

Shells were directed on former positions in rear area of the third battalion sector, and no casualties occurred during the move. Telephone wires were laid to all companies, a new ration dump established and the men had breakfast as usual at 6 a. m.

In compliance with Forty-seventh (London), division order No. 253, Regimental Field Order No. 17, Aug. 7, 1918, the preliminary moves were made for taking over the front held by the Thirty-seventh (British) brigade, being the left brigade of the left center division of the Third Corps. The morning of August 8th other orders were received which completely changed all previous plans and dispositions.

CHAPTER V

THE SOMME OFFENSIVE ENGAGEMENT AT GRESSAIRE WOOD AND CHIPILLY RIDGE OPERATIONS TO SEPT. 19, 1918 MAP REFERENCE 62 D-1:40,000

The morning of 8th of August, 1918, the regiment was distributed as follows:

1st Bn. (Capt. John M. Richmond, commanding.) Lawrence Farm in Baizieux System, right on the Amiens-Albert road.

2nd Bn. (Major Paul C. Gale, commanding.) In village of Baizieux.

3rd Bn. (Major Francis M. Allen, commanding.) Pierregot.
Regimental Hq. Supply Company, Hq. Co., Pierregot.

M. G. Co. (Capt. James D. Melville, commanding.) Vignacourt.

Early in the morning the regimental commander proceeded to Baizieux, where at 12:10 p. m. orders were received from the Sixty-sixth brigade to be ready to move at a moment's notice.

At 4:30 p. m. a message was received from the Third British Corps, advising that the 131st Infantry had been placed under the orders of the Fifty-eighth British Division, Major General Frank Ramsey commanding, in corps reserve and would move forthwith to positions as follows:

Regimental headquarters, Heilly.

One battalion to trenches (in D25 and 26) north of Heilly.

One battalion to valley, northwest of Heilly (J la & I 6 b).

One battalion to Franvillers.

Battalions were ordered forward in the following order:

First battalion—Trenches north of Heilly.

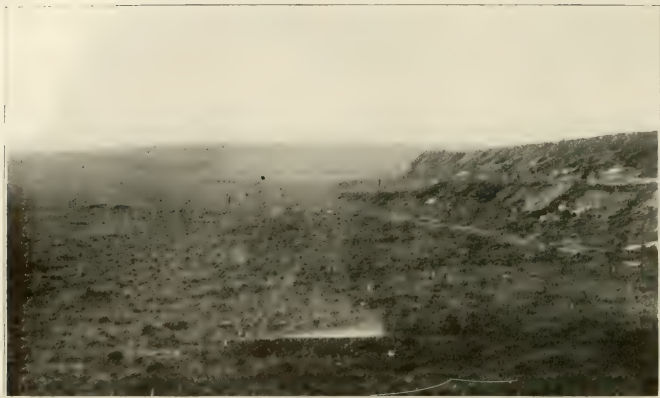
Second battalion—Valley northwest of Heilly.

Third battalion—From Pierregot to Franvillers.

Hq., Co.—Heilly.

M. G. Co.—Which was understood to have reported back to Pierregot to march next day to Heilly.

Movement of the First and Second battalions was completed, and they were in place at 8:42 p. m. These battalions were distributed throughout the trenches and in the valley northwest of Heilly, over a wide area and placed in as comfortable conditions as possible for the



VALLEY BETWEEN SAILLY LE SEC AND SAILLY LAURETTE

night; consequently, the subsequent orders for the night of August 8th-9th, were executed with considerable difficulty and more or less confusion.

About fifteen miles east and slightly north of Amiens, the Somme, always tortuous in this region, makes a succession of sharp bends. North of the river, and in one of those U-shaped bends, lies the village of Chipilly, on the ridge of the same name. Northwest of this village and resembling an irregular letter "G" is the Malard Wood, the base of which touches the edge of the Somme and terminates north of Chipilly.

Directly north of Chipilly Ridge is the Gressaire Wood, roughly shaped like the leg of a human being in a sitting posture, and terminating at the road from Corbie to Bray, its axis lying in a northeasterly direction. The Chipilly Ridge and the Gressaire Wood, both of which had been strongly fortified, formed a commanding position which completely dominated the British trenches in that sector and made impossible the passage of the Somme, or any advance in that vicinity as long as they were held by the enemy. The position had been taken, but all attempts to hold it had proved abortive. After the attack at Hamel on July 4th, the British line south of the Somme had been advanced to a point directly opposite Chipilly, but the continuous enfilade fire from the ridge had made the line well-nigh untenable, and its withdrawal was, consequently, in contemplation. The British commanders, however, determined to take the bull by the horns and to make a final effort to secure the Chipilly Ridge, and the Gressaire Wood, which constituted the key to the entire sector.

Under instructions to place an officer at headquarters, Eighteenth

Division at Heilly for orders, the regimental commander reported in person. At 10 p. m. telephone orders were received from Fifty-eighth Division to move at once to assembly point on Bray-Corbie Road to a point about 3,000 yards south of Heilly (J-20-a), thence to form up, facing east (Left J 18 d 72, right J 24 d 85), across the Bray-Corbie road immediately west of the Cobar Line trench. These battalions were to be ready to attack at 1 o'clock the next morning. Due to the fact that the troops had been marching the greater portion of the day and night, one battalion and the machine gun company could not possibly arrive in time to take part in the engagement, ground had never been reconnoitred, no provision made for supplies, etc., the regimental commander made strong protest against making an attack, which promised no results, and appeared to be hopeless without previous preparation, and the co-operation of supporting troops. Upon further consultation by telephone with the commanding general Fifty-eighth Division, and the corps commander, an order was issued postponing operations in that direction, and the 131st Infantry was sent forward through Vaux-sur-Somme into a position in readiness, in the valley between Vaux-sur-Somme and Sailly-le-Sec. In the meantime orders were sent to the machine gun company at Franvillers to report at Vaux via Corbie and await orders. This company did not arrive in time to participate in the engagement of the ninth. These orders having been issued the regimental commander started for the headquarters of the Fifty-eighth Division, arriving there



REGIMENTAL AID STATION ON CHIPILLY ROAD AT VALLEY LEADING TOWARD
MALARD WOOD



ONE ENTRANCE TO CAPTURED GERMAN DUGOUT USED DURING OPERATIONS
BY REGIMENTAL STAFF

after midnight. The remainder of the night was spent in going over the situation and arranging for the troops to bivouac on their arrival in various ravines where they would escape observation and obtain some measure of much needed rest.

On the morning of August 9th the troops arrived in the Somme Valley in an extremely exhausted condition, the Third battalion coming the entire distance from Pierregot. The Second battalion came in without transports or Lewis guns, and only 100 rounds of small arms ammunition per man. Consequently, the men suffered from lack of water and rations. Transport came in later in the day. Company H secured their Lewis guns and employed them in the engagement. Other companies of the Second battalion went in without Lewis guns.

The British plan contemplated an assault at 5 p. m., starting from a jumping-off line extending from a point 900 yards northwest of the intersection of the Bray-Corbic and Morlancourt-Chipilly roads, southeast to the point where the road running northeast from Chipilly terminates at the edge of the ridge.

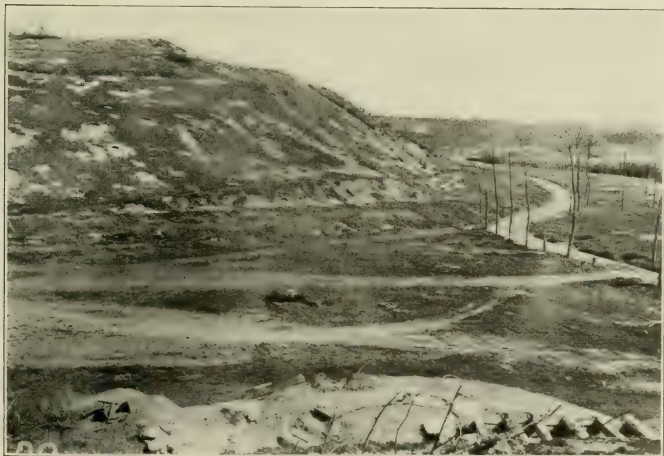
The assault was to be made by the Tenth (London) battalion (175th British Brigade) on the right, the 131st Infantry in the center, and the 175th Brigade—less the Tenth (London) battalion, but with one battalion of the 174th Brigade attached on the left. At 1:30 p. m. Colonel Sanborn was informed of this attack and ordered to reconnoitre in the direction of the Gressaire Wood, but the lieutenant colonel and

the battalion commanders who were sent forward, accompanied by scouts, soon returned with the report that such a reconnaissance could not be effected inasmuch as the enemy was in occupation of the Malard Wood and the region beyond it.

The 131st Infantry was in march formation on the road west of Sailly-le-Sec, when at 3:30 p. m. the commanding general of the Fifty-eighth Division came in person to deliver the order of attack to the regimental commander, but realizing that the troops could not possibly reach the jumping-off line at 5 o'clock, postponed the zero hour to 5:30 p. m. A message was also received at 2 p. m., stating that the enemy line was at K 21 b 87 to K 34 central, and that American 131st Infantry regiment take steps to clear any enemy west of the starting line with the assistance of tanks. These tanks never took part in the engagement. One of them ran into a ditch west of Chipilly, where it remained, another was unable to proceed beyond the entrance to the valley up which the regiment advanced to the attack. If any other tanks were assigned to the troops for offensive purposes they were not in evidence.

The jumping-off line extended from K 15 d 0.5 K 28 a 8.5 to K 35 c 6.5 forward of which an artillery barrage was to open at 5:30 p. m. (Zero Hour) and to continue to Zero, plus 20 minutes, when it was to lift and continue at the rate of 100 yards in four minutes beyond the objective to a final position, forming a protective barrage.

The final objective for the 131st Infantry was on the line Bray-



ROAD FROM SAILLY LAURETTE TO CHIPILLY AND ENTRANCE TO VALLEY AT K 32B, WHERE REGIMENT TURNED IN TO FORM UP FOR THE ATTACK



FORMING UP LINE IN VALLEY. SOMME OFFENSIVE.

Corbie Road, from K 17 central to K 24 d 15. Orders were received so late that it was evident no dispositions could be made, except from the march, and only then if handled in the most expeditious manner. The operations officer, mounted, started down the road, giving instructions to each officer to rush his troops forward, establish company dumps near jumping-off place for their heavy packs, and to be formed on the line at 5:30 p. m. The troops moved forward on the road, and when the head of the column reached Sailly-Laurette, came to a halt. The regimental commander started forward on foot alone, no other officers being available, except Lieutenant Woodward, attached to intelligence, who joined him as the troops reached the valley leading to deploying line. The regimental commander preceded the troops a sufficient distance to designate the starting off lines, the approach being made up the valley between Les Celestins and the Malard Wood, and remained with them until the dispositions were made and the forward movement commenced, then returned down the valley, and collecting runners from the reserve battalion, established headquarters in a ditch in K 32 b, remaining there until the following afternoon after full occupation of the designated position. The advance up the valley from the Sailly-Laurette road to the starting off line was made under shell fire, troops taking artillery formation. The only casualties were two men slightly wounded.

Formation was as follows: Second battalion (Major Paul C. Gale commanding) on the left; first battalion (Captain John M. Richmond commanding), on the right; third battalion (Major Francis M. Allen

commanding), in reserve on the Sailly-Laurette Road at the entrance of the valley before mentioned.

The distance from bivouac locations to the forming-up line was approximately four miles and was made at a rapid gait with full packs in the hot sun and with less determined troops would have been an impossibility, condition of men considered. British line officers freely expressed themselves that the feat could not have been accomplished with their troops. Attack line was preceded by a line of skirmishers extending along the entire front. It was the irresistible onslaught of this line that carried everything before it, except on the right, and drove the Germans in panic before them. Their retreat was so precipitous that the German battalion commander left his orders, maps and telephone switchboard in his dugout, which were gathered together and sent to divisional headquarters. Machine gun nests forward of the left battalion were cleaned out as they progressed. The second battalion, with the exception of some scattering detachments of disorganized platoons, arrived on its objective and was reported in position at 8 p. m.

Intrenching tools were brought up by lorries during the night, and were forwarded by carrying parties. Battalion commanders reported ammunition about exhausted at that time, and a supply was taken from the Third battalion in reserve, and forwarded. This was replaced from dump established at Sailly-le-Sec shortly after 8 p. m., after which time the supply was ample. The Second battalion reported that the 175th British brigade, supposed to be connected with their left, did not arrive



CONTINUATION OF MALARD WOOD VALLEY, 2ND BATTALION FORMING UP LINE



CONTINUATION OF MALARD WOOD VALLEY AND FORMING UP LINE LOOKING NORTH

on time, but followed behind their left at 6 p. m. for a few hundred yards, then changed direction to the northwest in the direction of their position. The Second battalion was, therefore, without left flank support until the following morning. The First battalion on the right and the Tenth (London) battalion still further to the right, encountered much heavier resistance, and were held up by machine gun fire at the start from the Chipilly Ridge, and on their immediate front and right.

At 7:26 p. m. the commanding officer, Tenth (London) battalion, reported from east side of Malarid Wood that his command and the First battalion were held up by machine gun fire from woods in K 34 a 4 5, and asked for assistance. A company from the reserve battalion (Company K, Captain George R. Miller commanding), was sent to their assistance, which promptly cleared the situation. The presence of the enemy at Chipilly, and a number of machine guns on that ridge rendered further advance on this portion of the line impossible until after dark, when a British detachment mopped up the town of Chipilly, captured about 300 prisoners, a machine gun commander in the cemetery and his guns along the ridge. The First battalion commander reported that his battalion at 9:20 p. m., August 9th, was on a line from near the southwestern corner of Gressaire Wood, K 28 a 8.2 east to the northern end of the Chipilly Ridge (K 29 central), thence south to the road leading to Chipilly (K 35 a 6.5), where they dug in. He had no connection with the Second battalion on the left, or 175th brigade on right (Tenth London). The advance was continued after the mopping up of Chipilly, and at

6 a. m., August 10th, we were able to report to the commanding general, Fifty-eighth Division, that our objective had been reached, and that we were in position, as ordered, holding the forward line with First and Second battalions, plus one company. The remainder of the Third battalion moved up to reinforce the line.

At 7:20 a. m., August 10th, Major Gale, Second battalion, was ordered to reconnoitre German trenches in K 12 d 8 6, to determine if occupied by British troops, and if so occupied to move his left to the right and face east on line about K 18 d 8 7, extending north beyond the Bray-Corbie Road to K 12 d 6 6, which disposition could not be made on account of shell fire.

The line of the left battalion (Second battalion), as completed on the 10th, extended from the intersection of the Morlancourt-Eitnehem Road (K 17 central), thence east along the Bray-Corbie Road to a point 600 yards west of the double telegraph post (L13 central). The line of the right battalion (First battalion), connecting with the Second battalion on the eastern edge of Gressaire Wood (K18 d 9.8), extended south to the junction of the Bray-Chipilly and Eitnehem roads (K 24 central). An outpost was located in observation at the double telegraph post.

An incident of occupation on the 10th showed the steadiness and composure of our troops. At 3 p. m. a group of five Germans, with heavy machine guns, came down the road from Bray. A Lewis gun post was pushed out to L 13 a 7.3. Fire was held until enemy arrived within 500



CELESTINE WOOD LOOKING TOWARD GRESSAIRE WOOD



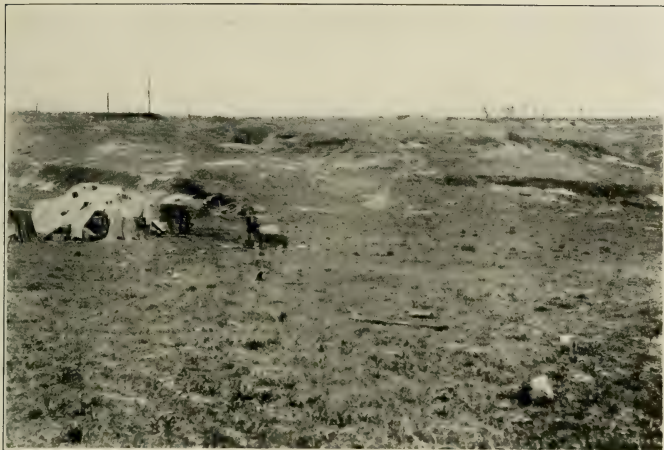
LOOKING EAST INTO THE VALLEY FROM NORTH EDGE OF MALARD WOOD AT POSITION OF 3RD BATTALION DURING FIRST DAYS OF FIGHTING

yards, when all were shot down by snipers. Later, four machine guns were brought up under cover of crops, but were stopped by Lewis gun fire. Still later these guns opened intermittently until outflanked by a platoon under Lieutenant Porter, when they withdrew.

From the first occupation of the line it was heavily shelled and gassed. Troops were completely worn out and officers showed effects of constant strain and loss of sleep. During the afternoon of the 10th it was decided to send other troops forward about 200 yards to occupy a line in L 14 and L 20 west of Bray, and message was sent to commanding officer, Second battalion, to reorganize getting companies together. At 9 p. m. Australians assembled under cover of woods in the rear of lines in K 23, thence passed through our lines along the Bray-Corbie road to positions noted in L 14 and L 20.

During the night the 131st Infantry changed front and occupied a line extending from the crossroads at the eastern edge of the woods, north of the Bray-Corbie road, south to the Somme and thence along the right bank to a point south of the Chipilly Ridge in touch with the troops on the left bank, entire line facing east.

Dispositions were as follows: First battalion, from the Bray-Chipilly Road at K 24 central, in a southwesterly direction along the ridge, overlooking the valley of the Somme River, to K 29 central, connecting with the Third battalion, which from the junction point established a line of sentry posts with Lewis machine guns, south to the point where the river bends to the west, southeast of Chipilly at Q 11 d 5.8. The Second



LOOKING NORTH IN VALLEY K 32B, SHOWING GERMAN DUGOUTS USED BY
RESERVE BATTALION

battalion in reserve was sent back and distributed in shelters along the valley southwest of Malard Wood, near regimental headquarters, which were located at K-32.b-6-3, which position was held until August 14th, the enemy in the meantime on the night of 11th-12th having been driven out of Eitnehem, and the pocket south of that village.

Somewhere around 10 or 11 o'clock the night of the 10th a couple of lights were noted on the side hill to the left up the valley from the regimental P. C., one light was near the top of the hill, the second some distance lower down, forming evidently a sighting line for one of the enemy planes in the air at that time. When questioned the officer in charge of signals knew nothing about it. A detail was sent up at once to investigate, which soon returned with the information that no one could be found in the vicinity. At this time large enemy bombing planes were flying over every night, dropping huge bombs on the positions where our artillery was located in an effort to destroy the guns. When one of these bombs exploded, even across the river from headquarters, there was a perceptible shake felt even at the bottom of the big dugout some 40 feet under ground, where the office force worked.

Officers and men camped along the side hill, near the office in shallow pits, to keep from being hit by flying shell fragments, but no protection against a direct hit. Over these pits were constructed roofs of boards, corrugated iron, etc., covered with dirt and tufts of grass as a camouflage against observation.



ABANDONED BRITISH MACHINE GUN POST IN MALARD WOOD. RETAKEN BY
131ST INF.

In the valley below regimental headquarters was a dump containing about 200 rounds of trench mortar ammunition. The incident of the signal lights passed out of mind and by 1 a. m. every one, except the working force down below, was asleep. About 4 a. m. there came a crash, a sprinkling of dirt into the shelters and everybody awoke at once. A bomb or shell had struck the dump and blown up the ammunition. The explosion wrecked our kitchen, rations and boxes containing regimental records. Two cooks who were sleeping under the cooker were injured, one severely, being struck by fragments, sustaining a gash on the head, another in the chest. The second was only slightly wounded, but was badly injured internally by the concussion and died some months later. One Australian soldier was killed, eleven horses and mules belonging to the regiment were either killed outright or so badly injured that it became necessary to shoot them. We realized the importance of the signals seen some hours before. The day following some Australians caught the German who did the work. He had hid somewhere, coming out after the battle passed over him, donned an Australian uniform and was working the game within our lines. Subsequent events were of no interest to him.

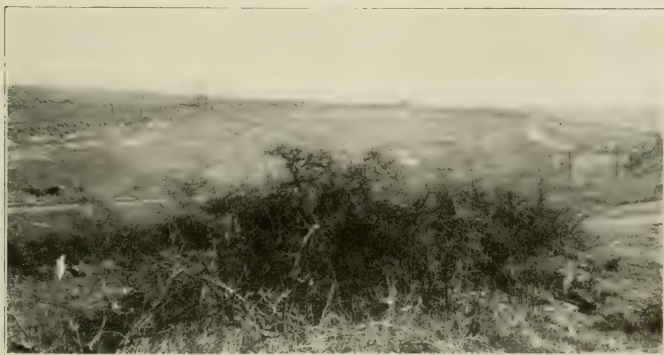
At 11:45 a. m., August 12th, a message was received from the Fourth Australian Division that a liaison force, under command of Brigadier General E. A. Wisdom, would assume command of the corps' battle front, north of the Somme, and the point of junction with the

Third Corps' boundary, which became effective on that date at 5 p. m. The troops composing this liaison force were the 131st American Infantry and the Thirteenth Australian brigade with attached units.

During the afternoon of the 13th the commanding general of the liaison forces stated verbally that the following night the 131st Infantry would occupy a new position west of Bray. In the meantime advance parties, consisting of machine guns and trench mortar units of the regiment would relieve similar units of the Australians. Movement to be completed before daylight, night of 13th-14th, which was accomplished without incident. Movement to new positions designated under cover of darkness necessitated crossing of an open plateau between Eitnehem and Bray, extending to the south end of pocket at the river bend, considerably elevated, under complete observation of the enemy in daylight, and shelled at intervals, both day and night. The distances troops covered in reaching these positions varied from three to seven kilometers.

It was contemplated that the occupation of this position should be in depth with one battalion in the forward line disposed in groups of resistance at considerable intervals, supported by machine gun and trench mortars located to command all areas of approach. Immediate supports dug in and occupied narrow, deep trenches, presenting the least possible target for enemy artillery, support battalion in previously occupied positions about three kilometers back, reserve battalion in Malard Wood, five kilometers in rear of forward lines, entire dispositions when completed at 6 a. m. 13th, were as follows:

First battalion, Companies C, B and D, in the order named, from Bray-Eitnehem Road, at L 14 d 65, thence south along the Somme



VALLEY LEADING TO GRESSAIRE WOOD LOOKING WEST TOWARD THE TOWN OF CHIPILLY FROM EDGE OF CELESTINE WOOD



GRESSAIRE WOOD

River front to end of pocket at L 32 d 52, a company in support east of Eitnehem in 25 b d, from which position movement could be made to reinforce any part of the line.

Third battalion in support along the ridge, west of Eitnehem, from K 24 central, southwest, then south to Q 5, central. Second battalion in reserve in Malard Wood, near regimental Hq. K, 27 and K 33.

One platoon was sent as a liaison group to the Seventeenth Division, south of the Somme river.

Night of 17th-18th, the Second battalion relieved the Third battalion in support area. Third battalion relieved the First battalion in the front line; First battalion went into reserve position near regimental headquarters, K 32.

Night of August 19th-20th the 131st Infantry was relieved by the Ninth Australian brigade. Arrived at Hamel early morning of 20th. On the way out in the early morning hours the commanding officer called on General Wisdom, the commanding general of the liaison force, who was still asleep. When advised of the call, the general got up with a blanket wrapped around him, and farewells were exchanged. The general expressed deep regret that the American troops were leaving him, and said he had only words of praise to offer in return for their fidelity, exemplary conduct and fortitude under many trying ordeals. Thus we passed from under the command of one of the most considerate, honorable and brave officers with whom we have ever served, the memory of which service will ever remain an honor and a pleasure.

The failure of the British forces to take and hold the Chipilly Ridge and heights adjacent thereto was due to two reasons. First, the position lies in an angle, the north arm of which extends east and west along the Bray-Corbie Road from the old German trench line to a line drawn north and south, east of Sailly-Laurette, thence south through Malard Wood to the Somme River. The position was dominated by artillery from the direction of Morlancourt on the north and the heights east in the direction of Bray; second, the British had once taken the position from whence they were driven out with large losses, due to both frontal and flank fire. Their troops had lost confidence in their ability to either take or hold the position, after it was taken.

A condition of emergency existed early in August immediately following the advance of the British lines on the south of the Somme River to a point south of Chipilly. The British line was located on flat ground, completely overlooked from the high bluffs on the north. Our infantry experienced the same conditions as confronted the British.

From October 10 to October 19th roads leading to positions, especially the Bray-Corbie road, and roads over which supplies, rations, etc., were forwarded to troops were heavily shelled at times day and night. Forward trenches were also shelled periodically, resulting in nearly as many casualties as were inflicted during the advance on the night of August 9th-10th, and the day following.

Trenches in same localities were so close to enemy lines that men could not expose themselves for a moment without being shot at by



GRESSAIRE WOOD. FOOT OF GERMAN OBSERVATION TREE IN FOREGROUND



WEST SIDE OF GRESSAIRE WOOD. GERMAN 77 MM. GUN HIDDEN IN BRUSH

snipers. Several counter-attacks were launched without success. The enemy finally gave up their efforts and confined themselves principally to artillery fire on positions and advancing machine gun detachments forward, under cover of darkness, which were withdrawn at or before daylight.

Usually shelling was accompanied by gas, especially during the night, which settled in the valleys and woods, resulting in spoiled rations before they could be distributed and consumed. The tenacity with which our troops held all positions taken appeared to exert as depressing an influence on the enemy as corresponding gratification on the part of the British.

Numerous patrols on all fronts resulted in the capture of some prisoners, as well as preventing reconnaissance of our positions. While we were attached to the liaison force one Australian brigade adjutant, several other officers and non-commissioned officers were assigned to the regiment by request for purposes of instruction; their services were invaluable, familiarizing the regimental staff with British methods. They were also of great assistance in facilitating the procurement of various supplies, besides aiding in handling questions of reports, liaison and orders.

Some officers and men of the regiment who gained their first battle experience in this engagement, were wounded, and later returned to the United States, gave to the press lurid accounts of their terrible expe-

riences in the "bloody battle of Chipilly Ridge," which statement led some people to believe that losses were excessive. As a matter of fact a study of casualties will show that considering the ground gained in the face of veteran German soldiers, the amount of war material captured, the number of prisoners taken, the great number of enemy killed and the period under fire, our casualties were as low, or lower than those experienced in almost any other major engagement during the war.

A few days after the battle Lieutenant General Tasker H. Bliss, U. S. A., who had known the regiment at Ft. Sam Houston in 1916, came up from Paris and called to express his appreciation of the work performed.

We were also honored by a call from General Sir H. S. Rawlinson, Bart. G. C. V. O., K. C. B., K. C. M. G., commanding the Fourth British Army, who expressed his admiration for the gallant conduct displayed in the action.

Many other officers came up during the next few days, including the division staff, also General Bell himself, who was at that time, and has ever since been proud of the accomplishment of a part of his division on that occasion.

At that time we did not appreciate the full effect of the victory, but we all felt gratified and pleased that the boys from Chicago had acquitted themselves so splendidly in the first offensive in which they played so important a part.



REAR VIEW OF CAPTURED GERMAN 77 MM. GUN ON WEST EDGE OF GRESSAIRE WOOD



GERMAN ARTILLERY DUMP. EDGE OF GRESSAIRE WOOD

The appreciation felt by the British of the successful attacks carried on by this regiment is shown in the following:

To G. O. C. 33rd American Div., 10th August, 1918.

Hearty congratulations on successful attack carried out by 131st Infantry Regiment yesterday.

Corps Commander, Third Corps, British.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTY-EIGHTH DIVISION

X. viii. xviii.

Dear General Bell:

I wish to express to you my appreciation of the great assistance afforded to my Division by your 131st regiment in the attack on Gressaire Wood yesterday afternoon, and my admiration for the way in which it carried out very difficult maneuver to get into the battle line and for the stout way in which it overcame all resistance.

I enclose a letter of thanks, which I would be glad if you would forward to the officer commanding the regiment.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK RAMSAY.

The letter in question read as follows:

HEADQUARTERS FIFTY-EIGHTH DIVISION

Dear Colonel Sanborn:

x. viii, xviii.

I have to thank you for the very great assistance which your regiment afforded in its attack on Gressaire Wood yesterday afternoon.

You had a very difficult task to perform and the way in which your battalions maneuvered and took the objective allotted to them reflects the greatest credit on all ranks.

I have to thank you personally in the way in which you led your regiment on to its battle alignment and which very materially assisted in the success of the operation.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK RAMSAY.

Letter from Lieut. General Sir R. H. K. Butler, M. C. M. G., C. B.,
Commanding Third Army Corps.

104 Camberley.

Beverley, Camberley, August 13th.

Dear General Bell:

It was, and is, a great disappointment to me that I was unable to visit either you, Wolfe, or Sanborn, before I left. I hadn't recovered from that bad dose of "flu," and they wouldn't let me stick it out any longer.



DIRECT HIT ON A GERMAN CAISSON, GRESSAIRE WOOD



BRITISH MACHINE GUN POST ABANDONED AUGUST 8TH AND RETAKEN BY THE 1ST INFANTRY, AUGUST 9-10

I want to take this opportunity of adding my congratulations to the many over the fine performance of the regiment north of the Somme, more especially as it came at the end of a somewhat forced and arduous march under new conditions.

I need hardly add how proud I am and how much I appreciate the honor of being in command the first time the American troops went into battle with the Third Corps.

As I understand the situation at the moment, it seems that the whole of the Sixty-sixth brigade is likely to be now engaged as a brigade under the Australian Corps, in fact, I tried to arrange this before I left, so I am not bothering either Wolfe or Sanborn with letters, but I should be grateful if you would at a convenient moment show them both this letter and convey to them and all the officers and men engaged my congratulations and personal thanks.

I hope to be back quite fit in about a fortnight, in the meantime I wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

R. H. K. BUTLER.

THIRD CORPS, G. O. 1565

20th August, 1918.

Major-General George Bell, Jr., Commanding Thirty-third American Division.

On the departure of your division from this Corps, I write to ask you to convey to all ranks under your command our thanks and appre-

ciation of the excellent work that the division has done during its period of attachment to the Third Corps.

The 131st Regiment of the Sixty-sixth Brigade carried out the attack on the 9th of August in a manner which reflected great credit, not only on its gallantry, but on its previous training; and the work done by the whole of your division during its periods of attachment and of holding the line has been of a high order.

All ranks of the Third British Corps wish the Thirty-third American Division the best of luck in the future, and in watching its future victorious career will always remember with great pleasure the time which they have spent together with their American comrades in arms.

ALEX. GODLEY,

Lieutenant-General Commanding Third Corps.

Third Corps, H. Q., 20-8-18.

Letter from Gen. Sir H. S. Rawlinson, Bart. G. C. V. O., K. C. B., K. C. M. G., commanding Fourth British Army:

Thirty-third Illinois Division:

Fourth Army No. G. S. 2/13.

On the departure of the 33rd Division from the Fourth Army I desire officially to record my admiration of the energy, keenness and soldierly qualities exhibited by all ranks during their period of training



LINE ON THE BRAY-CORBIE ROAD HELD BY THE 131ST INFANTRY MORNING OF AUG. 10TH, 1918. TWO GRAVES OF 131ST INFANTRY SOLDIERS KILLED AUGUST 10TH IN CENTER OF PHOTOGRAPH



LOOKING WEST FROM CHIFFELY RIDGE ALONG THE SOMME RIVER

under my orders. The marked advance which has been made and the satisfactory standard of fighting efficiency that has been reached reflect high credit on all concerned, and guarantee that the Division will render brilliant service to the Allied cause wherever it may be employed as a fighting Division in face of the enemy.

My regret is that it will not have further opportunity for offensive action whilst in the Fourth British Army, but portions of the Division have already acquitted themselves most gallantly, and I desire to tender my warm thanks to those units engaged for their brilliant successes in the Hamel offensive and at Gressaire Wood.

I greatly regret the departure of the Division and offer to General Bell and all ranks under his command the best of good fortune in the strenuous times which lie before them.

RAWLINSON,

General, Commanding Fourth Army.

H. Q., Fourth Army, 21st August, 1918.

CAPTURES

Seven 5.9 howitzers.

Six guns, caliber not noted.

Thirteen 4.2 guns.

Two minenwerfers.

Two 10-inch guns.

Two French 75 mm. guns.

One German aeroplane in perfect condition.

Between 75 and 100 machine guns.

Fifty-nine Mauser rifles, other rifles not counted and other material in large amounts.

Approximately 700 prisoners.

FOLLOWING THE PERIOD OF OCCUPATION

August 19th. Relieved from duty with IV Australian Corps.

August 20th. Entire regiment spent the day in Hamel resting from the previous all night movement out of the Chipilly Ridge district. Many of the officers and men availed themselves of the opportunity of examining the ground over which the battle of Hamel was fought.

Everywhere the scene presented utter ruin and desolation. What few trees were left standing were apparently dead, their limbs torn and twisted, the trunks scarred by bullet and shell wounds.

All of the houses were roofless, the majority of them with only fragments of bare walls left standing. Open ground spaces showed effects of heavy fire, unfilled shell holes crowding close one upon another. The field was still littered with broken weapons, scraps of clothing and equipment.

Regimental headquarters were established in an old stable over which a portion of the roof remained. The entrance was over a great pile of rocks, part of a fallen wall. A few pieces of boards sufficed for an improvised office table and here the ever-ready typewriter was set up, clicking off the routine work of the day.

August 21st. Leaving Hamel at 6:00 p. m., the regiment staged at Aubigny several hours, at which point men were given an opportunity to bathe in the river, were furnished with clean underwear, some new clothing issued, also given an opportunity to delouse. At 6:00 p. m., 21st, march was continued to Poulainville via Daours-Veequemont-Bussy-Allonville.



A STREET SCENE IN EITNEHEM



CHIPILLY CHURCH

At Poulainville men were billeted night of 21st and 22nd. During night of August 23-24th, transportation was sent forward to St. Roche; a railroad station on the outskirts of Amiens and placed on trains. The regiment moved out early in the evening of 23rd, marching to within about two miles of Amiens, where it went into bivouac along the road preparatory to taking trains scheduled to leave as follows:

August 24th. First battalion and regimental commander, 3:52 a. m.; regimental headquarters, headquarters company, supply company, medical and ordnance detachments, lieutenant colonel, 7:52 a. m.; second battalion and 66th brigade headquarters, 11:52 a. m., third battalion 3:52 p. m. As troops arrived at the station the Y. M. C. A. representative attached to the regiment served hot chocolate and biscuits, which were very much appreciated by everybody, after having slept out on the ground in a drizzling rain for several hours and going on board trains without breakfast.

This movement transferred the regiment into an entirely new field of operations. Moving south through the outskirts of Paris thence east through the shattered town of Chateau-Thierry through the celebrated home of a certain brand of Champagne, Epernay, detraining at Ligny about 35 miles south of Verdun the morning of August 25th. From this point the regiment was distributed in billets—regimental headquarters, first battalion and machine gun company at Salmange; second battalion, Gery; third battalion, Loisey.

August 26th. Assigned to Fifth American Corps, First American Army.

August 31st. Second battalion march to Salmange.

September 1st. The three following days were devoted to maneuvers; September 2nd, by battalions; September 3rd, by regiment; September 4th, by division; September 5th, a ten kilometer practice march.

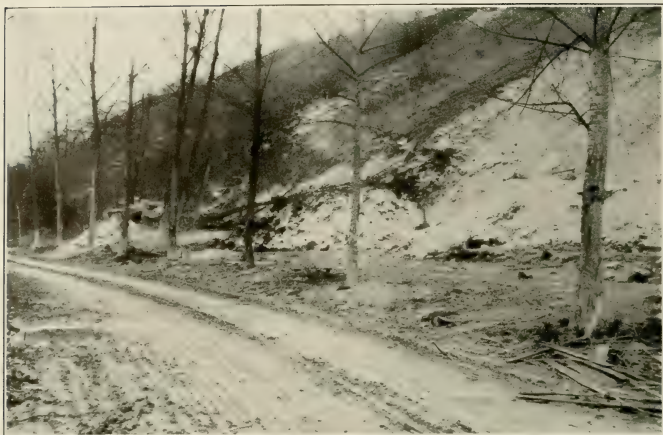
September 6th. Early in the day verbal information was received and warning notice sent to all concerned to the effect that a movement would take place that night which was later confirmed. At 7:15 p. m. by means of busses the entire organization were transported to following stations: Regimental headquarters, headquarters company, medical detachment, machine gun company, and first battalion, to Baleicourt; second battalion, to Nixeville; third battalion, to Camp de Sivry.

September 9th. Orders received sending regiment forward as brigade reserve into position north of Verdun. Movement was completed night of 9th-10th, to dispositions as follows: Regimental hdqrs., hdqrs., company, medical detachment, supply company and machine gun company to Delolime-Lombut Farm. Accommodations there were not sufficient for office of regimental headquarters, as nearly all buildings had been badly smashed by shell fire; therefore the headquarters group was placed in an old camp of dug-outs and huts in a small wood on the ridge overlooking Verdun known as the Bois de Poupe. The first battalion was near by in the shelters of Delolime consisting of huts with convenient dug-outs; second battalion, Bois Bourrus (East); third battalion, Bois Bourrus (West), all under cover of woods. This was known as the Fromerville sector.

Considerable difficulty was experienced here in getting men under cover. The sector was filled with French artillery, guides did not report



LOOKING WEST TOWARD DOUBLE TELEGRAPH POLE ON BRAY-CORRIE ROAD



FIRST BATTALION P. C. AND AID STATION, RIVER ROAD BETWEEN CHIPILLY AND EITNEHEM, WHERE PVT. BURSON, M. C., WAS KILLED

as promised and in many cases shelter from continued rain was not found until late the next day.

September 16th. Mr. Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago, paid a flying visit to see Colonel Abel Davis and such men as he could locate who came from the big mercantile establishment of Sears, Roebuck & Co. That evening Brigadier General Wolf gave a dinner in his honor at his P. C. in Germonville. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all, this being the first time any of our prominent people had ventured as far forward as the front line, bringing fresh news from the folks at home. The assembly was continued until nearly midnight. Shortly before breaking up, while a general conversation was in progress, suddenly came a great crash that shook things up more or less. Most of us by this time were familiar with these frequent outbursts but not so General Rosenwald, as we had named him. He was not at all excited, but naturally asked what had broke loose.

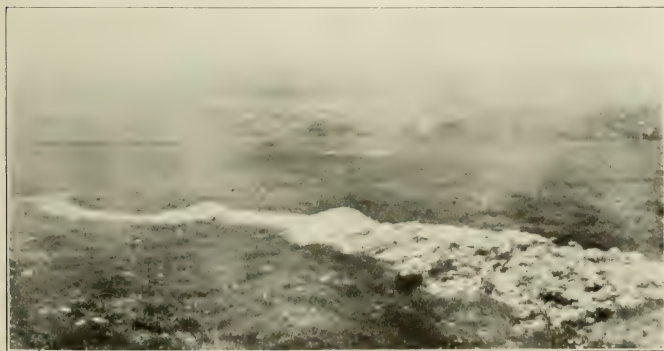
Jerry was in the habit about 10:00 or 11:00 p. m. daily of sending over some of his big planes in an effort to destroy the railhead and dumps at Germonville. This was one of his nightly pleasantries. The bombing was also accompanied by dropping a few big shells into the area, searching out gun emplacements which were numerous in the vicinity. The crash heard was one of these big shells which dropped a few hundred feet beyond the general's quarters. The bombardment kept up for about an hour, furnishing an interesting experience which will probably



CAPTURED GERMAN TRENCHES NORTH OF BRAY-CORRIE ROAD

not soon be forgotten by Mr. Rosenwald. We were all delighted to see him. His conduct at the front and on this occasion showed the qualities of the man who had been eminently successful in mercantile life, selected by the government for a post of honor and at the same time kindly, affable and genial to the general or the private soldier, qualities which endear him to all with whom he comes in contact.

September 18th. Regimental headquarters were moved to Choisel Farm to make room for a balloon observation section (French) which occupied our old quarters in the wood. This movement was a part of the great concentration preparatory to the attack on the Argonne Forest



SUPPORT TRENCHES OF THE 1ST BATTALION IN FRONT OF EITNEHEM

Sig. 10



LAST STAND OF GERMANS IN EITNEHEM BEND, NEWLY DUG MACHINE GUN POSITIONS

which commenced the 26th. Every inch of available space was crowded. Night after night long columns of heavy and light artillery moved slowly along the muddy roads in ever falling rain. It is stated that 3,928 cannon were placed in position between the 9th and 26th of September.

Between the 10th and 20th most of the time of higher officers was spent in making reconnaissance of the front in anticipation of the occupation to follow later.



SECTION OF GERMAN TRENCHES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BRAY

CHAPTER VI

THE ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE

FORGES WOOD ENGAGEMENT, OPERATIONS TO OCTOBER 9TH

MAP REFERENCE: VERDUN, B. 1:20,000

On the 20th of September, 1918, the 131st Infantry was stationed in the Verdun district as follows:

Regimental headquarters, Choisel Farm; first battalion, headquarters company, machine gun company, Wood Delolime; second battalion, Wood Bourrus (East); third battalion, Wood Bourrus (West).

The regiment was designated at that time as the division reserve, operating under the plan of defense of the Mort-Homme sub-sector, the forward elements of which were facing north in position about twelve kilometers northwest of Verdun, at the north base of Dead Man's Hill, famous as a battle ground in the struggle of the French to hold Verdun against the attacks of the Germans during the present war, during which operations in excess of 1,000,000 soldiers gave up their lives. Through this hill is a tunnel several miles in length constructed by the Germans. This tunnel has not been used recently, except as an entrance to a French observation post, overlooking the German lines beyond, across the Forges



SUPPLY COMPANY HDQRS., GERMONVILLE



AEROPLANE VIEW FORGES SWAMP NORTH TO GERCOURT AND DRILLANCOURT



VIEW SOUTH FROM BETHENCOURT
Ruins of the Town in Foreground

Creek and intervening swamp land, this swamp averaging in width about 200 meters.

For some days prior to the 20th considerable activity was noted, large numbers of French guns were brought up and placed in position, the area was filled with troops, crowding everybody into the smallest possible space, the general impression being that some offensive was contemplated.

The night of September 22nd-23rd the second battalion took over the east half of Strong Point Jaques, relieving company E of the 132nd Infantry, in trenches of occupation, at which time the machine gun company, trench mortars and 37 millimeter cannon platoon also went forward. The third battalion occupied the west of Strong Point Jaques. The first battalion remained in Deloline Wood until night of 23rd-24th, when the troops were sent forward to Bethencourt trenches north of Chattanooga.

The same night company B, 124th Machine Gun Battalion, moved forward and was attached to the third battalion. Company A, 1st Gas Regiment, was sent up to be attached to the forward battalions.

September 24th. Regimental headquarters was established at P. C. Rethel in trenches north of Chattanooga. Orders were issued for an attack at 5:30 a. m., the 25th, but action was postponed upon a report

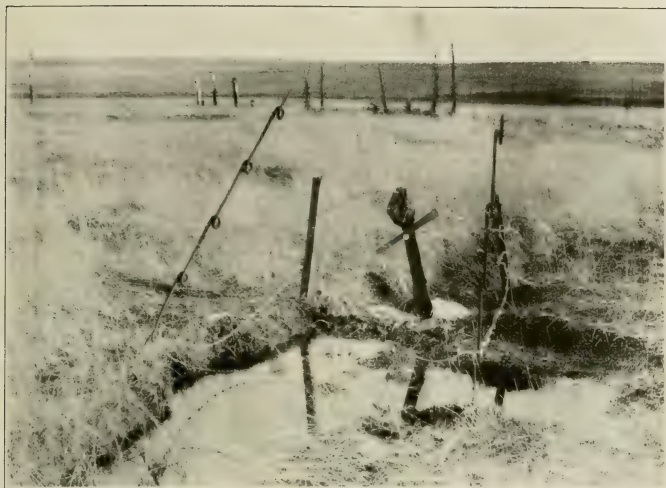
of the regimental commander based on information secured by patrols that the Forges Creek and swamp could not be passed on the regimental front without preparation. The 108th Engineers worked out a plan to carry forward fascines, planks, etc., hiding them in the bottom of the forward trenches to be taken out under the protection of a barrage at daylight for the purpose of making crossings.

September 26th. At 1:00 a. m. the regimental commander, operations officer, and signals detachment went forward to P. C. and signal station established in trenches overlooking the Forges Creek Valley, the Forges Wood and the trenches on the slopes east and northeast of Bethencourt.

Picking their way through the batteries ranged in the ravines and along the rear slopes, slipping in the muddy paths and around old shell craters the party finally came to an old dugout in the line of trenches over the high ridge of hills which terminates in the famous Mort-Homme. Nothing could be seen and nothing heard except the occasional bursting of some random shells here and there in the distance. The morning was cold, the valleys were filled with a damp fog with now and then a drizzle of rain. Forward and below the men of the 131st were packed in the trenches where they had been waiting many hours, stiffened, cold and wet—waiting for the hour, soon to arrive, when they would at least feel the welcome relief of standing at full length and moving forward even though into battle. Long before daylight they commenced filing out, carrying in addition to their heavy equipment, bundles of fascines, planks



FORGES SWAMP



GRAVE IN FORGES SWAMP

and duck boards to throw across the marshy grounds and creek to facilitate their crossing. Would they make it? If the Germans had known what was going on in the stillness of the night under cover of fog and darkness, no crossing could have been forced over that piece of marshland and water in the face of such concentrated shell fire as they might have thrown there. Fortunately they never believed the thing possible, never suspected the movement. Following lines of white tape laid through openings in the wire and across open spaces, on these boys of ours went quiet, serious and determined. They reached the crossing point and with the assistance of the engineers quickly reached the other side, forming up on the road beyond. A few shots were fired by retreating patrols without doing any damage. Here they waited until our barrage fell and lifted. When that barrage started it seemed as though all the pent up thunder in the world had broken forth in one great indescribable fury. More than three thousand of our own and French cannon spoke as one; some firing the barrage, some firing on enemy positions forward; others firing to our left and on the heights east of the Meuse River. To those standing on the hill above it appeared as though the air was crowded with whining, shrieking swarms of shells which never stopped or never diminished in volume until the end. The Hun by this time knew something was happening and commenced throwing his heavy shells along the front but too late. A few men were hit, a few killed. After that without

observation the firing from enemy guns was wild and of no effect. Long after the advance had started the screen of fog and smoke remained so thick that progress was possible only by taking compass bearings.

Orders for the attack provided for the forming up north of Forges Creek immediately south of the Bethencourt-Forges Road, extending from a point about one-half kilometer east of Bethencourt to a point approximately two kilometers farther east. The line of advance was laid out slightly west of north to the inner south edge of the Jure Woods, thence through the edge of these woods northeast, thence east to the Meuse River, where troops were to dig in and hold the front. The northern boundary of the line of occupation was slightly south of Dannevoux, the southern boundary was extended southeast along the river bottom to the Gercourt-Consenvoye Road, the triangle through which no advance was made lying between the right flank and north of the Forges Woods, was mopped up by supporting troops, the entire movement having been duly completed and the position occupied at 12:12 p. m.

The march on the left covered a line of seven kilometers from its forming up place in front of the trenches. During the advance it was necessary to overcome and mop up the following lines of trenches extending across the front: Cervaux, Besage, Billemont, Lenimo, and Berny, and the flank trenches nearly a kilometer in extent along the edge of the Jure Woods, also the towns of Drillancourt and Gercourt, besides innumerable strong points, all covered by wide bands of barbed wire entanglements. The supporting troops on the right were the 132nd infantry, on the left the 318th Infantry of the 80th Division. The latter, however, was not in position when the attack started, and connection was established with them but once until some time after our objective was reached. The failure of this division to support our line on the left neces-



RAFFECOURT MILL RUINS AND THE ROAD ON WHICH THE RIGHT OF THE 131ST INFANTRY FORMED UP ON THE MORNING OF SEPT. 26TH, 1918

sitated the putting in of the support battalion to clean up a portion of the sector assigned to them, also for the protection of the flank, which was in the air during the entire movement. The barrage which preceded the troops was laid down by the 212th French Artillery and was perfect in its plan and execution. A smoke screen was also laid on the jumping-off position by a detachment of the First Gas Regiment which was very effective. This screen and the fog which prevailed at the time prevented visual observation until the troops reached the ridge overlooking Gercourt and Drillancourt. As the battalion forward lines came over this ridge the entire regimental battle front came into view with its long lines of skirmishers and combat groups pushing rapidly forward ahead of them. Toward the Meuse River were scattered bunches of Germans seeking safety in flight. With cheers along the entire line, heavy fire was opened on the fleeing enemy, which seeing no chance of escape, threw down its arms and held up hands in token of surrender. The First Gas Regiment detachment also carried mortars and thermite shells for use in the attack on strong points, but so far as observed they were not used on our sector, as the mortar batteries could not keep pace with the advance. The lines were able to move forward as scheduled with the utmost confidence. The support furnished by our own artillery consisted of harassing fire on the forward areas and was not so well regulated.

The first battalion in support, Captain Carroll M. Gale commanding, in his report states that the mile of territory between their trenches and the bridge across the Forges Creek was crossed without casualties, and without loss of contact by any unit. After leaving the jumping-off line no resistance was met until they had advanced about two hundred meters,



RUINS OF RAFFECOURT MILL LOOKING NORTH TOWARD FORGES WOOD



LEFT OF THE FORMING UP LINE OF THE 131ST INFANTRY NEAR THE RUINS OF AN OLD GERMAN FOOT BRIDGE OVER FORGES SWAMP

where they were delayed for nearly an hour, due to the smoke screen, the smoke from the barrage, also a vast amount of wire along their front, which they were only able to pass and maintain direction by closely watching compass bearings. Pushing on they reached the German main line of trenches without resistance with the exception of one field piece, which was firing point blank, and machine gun fire on the slopes. Upon reaching a strong point on the edge of Jure Woods an action took place in which Company C took fifteen prisoners, three machine guns, and two field pieces. While Company C was so engaged, Company B advanced on the other slope of the valley to Drillancourt and captured a machine gun nest and three prisoners, while a platoon of Company C captured six machine guns and thirty prisoners. Continuing the advance Company C went through Gercourt, where they captured some machine guns, two field pieces and forty prisoners, also a Mercedes motor ambulance. East of Jure Woods about one kilometer Company C captured a field piece, which protected by machine gun fire was firing point blank at them, part of the crew being killed. The machine gun and several abandoned field pieces were taken at this point.

The battalion objective was reached at 10:10 a. m. A consolidation was effected on a two kilometer front by platoon posts. In this forward movement Companies B and C, first battalion, and Companies E and F, second battalion, were lost in the smoke. They arrived, however, about three-quarters of an hour later and reported having attacked a strong point west of Forges Woods, where they captured 106 prisoners. In the middle of the afternoon the commanding officer of Company A reported. The battalion captured 406 prisoners of all ranks, which were sent to the rear in charge of guards. A great many of these prisoners were turned over to other organizations to be used as stretcher bearers,

carrying parties, etc., and receipts were not turned in for the total number.

The second battalion, Major Hamlet C. Ridgway commanding, reported that they were in position long before the barrage lifted, that they encountered the enemy's fire while crossing the river Forges, and it was here that Lieutenant Schrauer was killed and several men wounded. During the advance they captured approximately 250 prisoners, thirty machine guns and ten field pieces. The engineer detachment attached to Company E went through with the battalion and fought as infantry. The trench mortar detachment attached to battalion was put out of action at the jumping-off point. During the advance several enemy aeroplanes flew over our lines and fired machine guns on the advancing troops, wounding two. Major Ridgway further reports that their mopping up parties did wonderful work, and worked so fast that the advance was never held up.

The third battalion, Major Francis M. Allen commanding, was on the left flank of the advancing troops. Major Allen reports that immediately after crossing of the Forges River he made efforts to get in touch with the 80th Division on the left of the line, but could not locate them; then proceeded to advance, covering with a platoon on the left flank. Major Allen states the advance was met by hostile machine gun fire, but progress was not delayed. Upon arriving about 250 yards south of Gerecourt heavy machine gun fire was encountered, also fire from snipers in the church at Gerecourt. Lieutenant Bourdon of Company D, 124th Machine Gun Battalion, and Corporal Linnenkahl of Company L attacked a machine gun nest and killed two Germans operating same, and Corporal Koerper crept up to the church and captured four snipers. The advance



BILLEMONT TRENCHES, NEAR FORGES WOOD



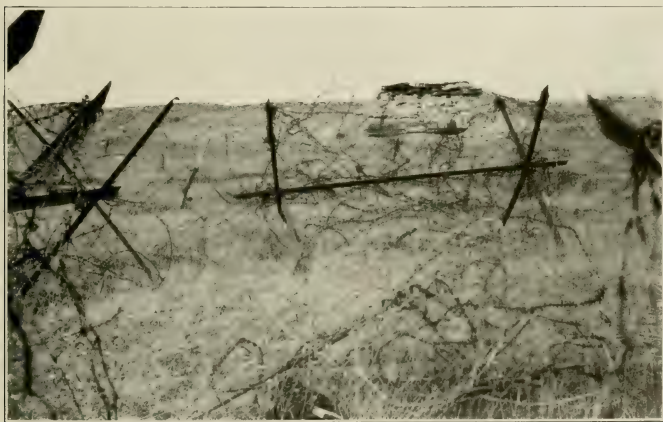
GERMAN STRONGPOINT ON HILL 281, CAPTURED SEPT. 26 BY 131ST INF.

was continued, and the objective reached at 11:00 a. m. During the advance the battalion captured large numbers of prisoners, twenty-eight machine guns, six cannon and a quantity of engineering equipment. Casualties: Four killed and forty-two wounded.

The correspondent of the London Daily Mail, under date of October the 2nd, 1918, comments upon this movement in part as follows:

“There is one unit here which is predominantly composed of boys from Chicago. Its flank resting on the Meuse just above Verdun, it faced a most difficult proposition. German artillery had been concentrated on the other side of the river in expectation of an attack in that direction. Then, again, they had to fight over territory which consisted of steep heights covered with thick woods and amid deep ravines. Their immediate difficulty, however, was to cross the marshland of the Forges Creek and to penetrate through the Bois de Forges, a thick wood covering one side of a formidable height and to be seen from a considerable distance. I stood opposite this height on the morning of the drive, and wondered how it would be possible for any troops to penetrate through the marshland below and up the wooded slopes. It appears that the Germans shared my thoughts for they dismissed the possibility of an attack from that direction as an impracticability and contended that the Americans would never make such an attack, massed their troops to the rear of the village of Forges to the southeast of the woods, where they thought the firm soil would attract the Americans in preference to the brook, but the Americans with admirable audacity decided to cross the marshland and the brook and sent two columns forward, one to swing to the right through the wood at the rear of the Germans (132nd Infantry), and the other in a direct line for Gerecourt. The operation was a complete success. The Germans were taken by surprise and this accounted in a great degree for the haul of over a thousand prisoners and many guns, some of six inch. But striking as the tactics were, the accomplishment of the plans was

equally fine. Under cover of the darkness the engineers in the hour prior to the attack brought up all the material necessary for fording the marshland and the stream and laid down a series of duck boards and avenues of laced twigs, by which the infantry could at least obtain a firm foothold through the morass. Then, for the crossing of the stream, which was five yards wide and four feet deep, they constructed a series of small bridges guided by lines of rope. It was under a thick fog that the men started out. They had to pass through one hundred yards of barbed wire, and then cross the marshland. Following the trail of ropes and duck boards they reached the brook six thousand strong. Many crossed over the bridges, but the majority waded through the water, and in face of the fire from the enemy machine gun nests and artillery, followed close behind their own barrage up to the wooded height that held the Bois-de-Forges. At the same time a heavy machine gun barrage by the Americans was maintained on the village of Forges itself, which materially aided in the deception of the Germans, who still thinking that the American attack would come there, had not sent their forces around to protect their flank. The Americans pushed rapidly on, leaving special detachments behind to clear up machine gun nests, and surprising the Germans at every step. So completely were the Germans swept by the advance that many guns were captured in the Bois-de-Forges with their breech blocks intact, and were used against the enemy, while three German officers and seventy men were captured in one dug-out before they had time to realize that the Americans had advanced. All the local defenses, and all the



GERMAN PILL BOX CONTAINING THREE MACHINE GUNS IN BILLEMONT
TRENCHES CAPTURED BY 131ST INF. SEPT. 26



GERMAN SNIPERS' POST IN BILLEMONT TRENCHES, CAPTURED BY 131ST INF.

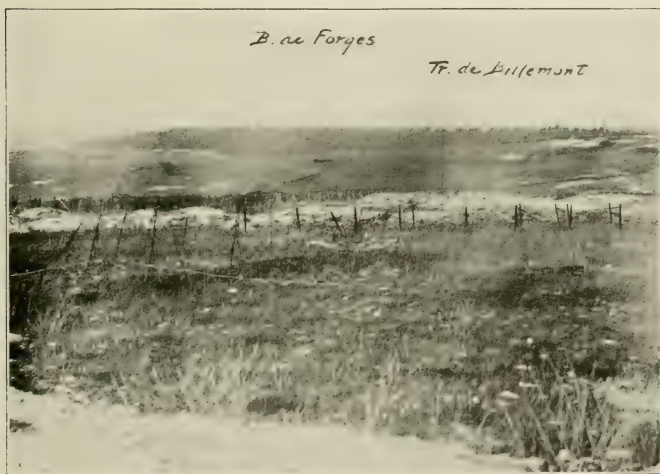
barbed wire that the Germans had placed in the woods could not stop the dashing Americans, and they swept the place clear, capturing guns, machine guns, material, and prisoners as they went. Then they swung up the western bank of the Meuse and took Drillancourt and Gerecourt in their stride, while Dannevoux was captured later. The Germans, realizing their mistake hurriedly rushed up reserves on a railroad, disembarking them at Brieulies on the Meuse. They were seen, however, by the American observers, and soon the artillery was pouring its shells into the mass of trucks and men that jumped out of them. Such is the brief of one of the cleanest and most skillful of operations, in which difficulties were overcome with a tenacity and energy typically American and in which the men fought with a spirit that astonished their foes. The Chicago boys maintained an already fine reputation, and gained even further distinction at an important point of the line."

As soon as signal wires had been run forward and first reports received of the success of the engagement the commanding officer of the regiment, with one signal man and a couple of non-commissioned officers from regimental headquarters, went forward, crossing Forges Creek, following the line of advance to the ridge north of Forges Wood on the outskirts of Drillancourt, and took possession of a German artillery post consisting of a cement hut built in the side of a hill for a regimental P. C. Later in the day the office force, signals, etc., came and the P. C. was in operation, with connection by wire with brigade headquarters in the rear south of Chattancourt. In passing over the ground covering about seven kilometers, all the evidences of a fierce battle were plainly seen.

At the forming up place along the road after crossing the creek our

own barrage and enemy shells had plowed the ground up in every direction. Not much damage had been done on the wide bands of barbed wire but paths had been cut through in every direction for the passage of troops. In many cases it was evident the men had not waited for these preliminaries but had forced their way over the wires, beating it down as they went along. The trenches were filled with German guns, helmets, great piles of ammunition, clothing and rubbish of every description, indicating hasty flight with but one thought, that of personal safety. Near the dugouts and on roads leading from several points were many German dead. Shell holes along the ridges showed occupancy by machine guns up to the last moment, with piles of expended shells at the bottom. In some holes the machine guns still remained. Bunches of German prisoners under escort of a few men, carrying their own and our wounded, were constantly picking their way through the debris going to the rear.

On the narrow gauge railway near Forges Wood were cars loaded with shells and other war material which apparently could not be hauled out due to our artillery fire and rapid advance. From the hill north of Forges Wood toward the Meuse River our men were going into position. To the north heavy firing continued showing increased resistance and slower progress. Along the left of our advance in the woods toward Dannevoux machine guns were still popping and shells were falling on



BILLEMENT TRENCHES AND BOIS DE FORGES



GERMAN OBSERVATION POST IN CERVAX TRENCHES, CAPTURED BY 131ST INF.

points of approach. The village of Gercourt was a smoking ruin, with Drillancourt a close second. Our advance did not contemplate the clearing up of the Jure Wood, but it became necessary before the flank could advance to capture or destroy the machine gun nests along the edge, which was done; thirty-two machine guns were captured. Some concern was felt over the wide opening on our left flank, which might have been extremely dangerous if the Germans had been less disorganized. It was not until late in the afternoon that the troops who were to attack along that flank appeared in column of platoons on the Bethancourt-Gercourt Road, deployed and started into the Bois de Jure. They were met by machine gun fire and recoiled with considerable losses. Later they fought their way through, but it was not until some time the next day that the situation was cleared up, including the town of Dannevoux, and our position became more secure.

MEDICAL CORPS

The medical detachment of the regiment is entitled to special mention for service rendered during this operation.

The officers and men pushed forward with the fighting lines and established a series of aid posts as fast as the troops advanced.

At Drillancourt, at which place a doctor and his aides arrived before the last enemy had been cleared out, they established an aid station in a station just vacated by the enemy. Here they took over all

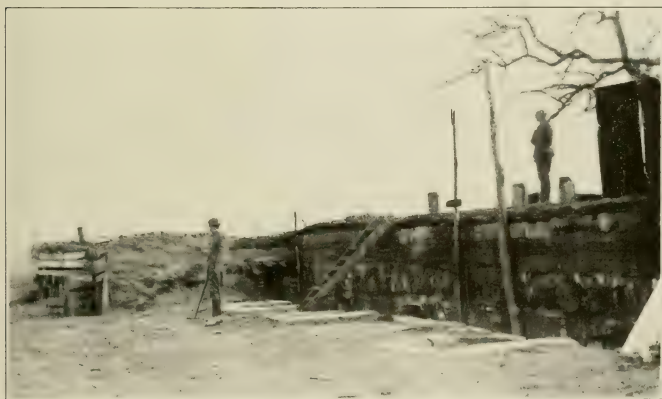
enemy food, stores and medical supplies which were of great quantities, including five large oxygen tanks and several small ones. They immediately began serving hot coffee and food to our own wounded and used the enemy's medical supplies throughout the operations from the 26th of September to the 15th of October.

On the afternoon of September 26th, after having made requests for ambulances and having no assurances that any would reach this forward post, Lieutenant Schwald volunteered and did take all seriously wounded on stretchers carried by prisoners back over very bad and tortuous paths across Forges Creek and Dead Man's Hill to the dressing station at Cumieres. In this way sixteen patients were evacuated.

On the morning of September 27th at 3:00 a. m. one ambulance had made its way to the forward post after being fourteen hours on the road filling up bad shell holes and going around others and did excellent work in helping to evacuate the most seriously wounded.

TRANSPORTS

Special mention must be made of the transport of the third battalion of this regiment under the command of First Lieutenant Howard H. Williams, which had worked its way over very badly shelled roads and delivered rations on the night of September 27th, his being the only transport to come forward at this early date. The entire regimental transports thereafter never missed a trip.



A GERMAN HDQRS. CAPTURED ON THE 26TH OF SEPT. AND USED AS REGIMENTAL HDQRS. UNTIL OCT. 10TH, 1918



GERMAN HDQRS. ON HILL 281. CAPTURED BY 3RD BATTALION

SIGNALS

Very efficient work was done by the signal corps of this regiment and by the 108th Field Signal men attached, being continuously on duty throughout the engagement without sleep, also the mounted orderlies of the headquarters company maintained communication with brigade and division headquarters over the old battlefield of Forges and Dead Man's Hill until roads had been repaired.

PLAN OF ATTACK

The plan of attack on Forges Wood and the ground lying to the east of Bethancourt north to Dannevoux extending to the Meuse River was carefully worked out and brilliantly executed. The small losses, rapid advance and large captures of men and material are indisputable proofs of the forethought, preparation and execution of a task generally conceded to be extremely difficult. Forges Wood was a veritable stronghold crossed in every direction with wide bands of barbed wire, surrounded on all sides except to the north with deep trenches and machine gun nests. To the west in front of Mort-Homme hill extended the marshy low land of Forges Creek. The Germans believed that an attack on the woods from the south would result in failure, they regarded the crossing of the brook and marsh to the west as impracticable in the face of constant observation. The result was when American troops made the crossing under smoke and fog, pushed rapidly forward swinging around to the right and appeared in force on the undefended north edge of the woods, threatening to cut them off entirely, they were stricken with panic. The majority not killed promptly surrendered. The cleaning up of this section secured the right rear for the subsequent operations which shortly



GERCOURT-DRILLANCOURT-BOIS DE JURE

followed in the Argonne Forest. This engagement was the most successful and productive of the greatest immediate results of any in which the Sixty-sixth Brigade participated. Inasmuch as published reports are in error as to who conceived and caused to be executed the plan of attack, the true facts are here recorded. The suggestion originally came from a French major, was submitted for consideration to the brigade commander who was told that he could use the plan or not as he might decide. That he should formulate his plans for the attack, which should be embodied in the order. He decided to adopt the plan as outlined and whatever credit is due belongs to Brigadier-General Paul A. Wolf. If the plan had failed, responsibility would have rested with him.

The following is a list of captures :

Three anti-tank guns.

One Red Cross ambulance.

Three 6-inch howitzers.

Two 105 millimeter guns.

Eight 77 millimeter guns.

Fifteen light machine guns.

Eleven heavy machine guns.

Twenty-six machine guns (turned over to the 318th Infantry).

There was also captured one narrow gauge railroad with three supply tracks with fourteen cars.



REGIMENTAL OBSERVATION POST IN FRONT OF FORGES WOOD

Fourteen 4-wheel flat trucks.

Five gravel trucks.

Five box cars, small.

Three box cars, large.

The regiment also captured a large supply depot which contained among other articles, 400 shovels, 900 picks, 8,000 stands barbed wire, 10,000 pieces of cut lumber, 14,000 spikes, 800 3-inch shells, 7,990 grenades, 130,500 rounds of rifle ammunition, 750 Werf grenades, 4,150 signal cartridges and flares, besides enormous amounts of supplies, including railroad ties, rolls of tarred paper, wire and wire screens and duck boards.

Prisoners (holding receipt) three officers and 205 other ranks.

There were many more prisoners who were turned over to other organizations to be used as stretcher bearers, carrying parties, etc., and many were sent back for whom details failed to take receipts. Estimated prisoners captured 650. Total prisoners received at the division cage: 36 officers, 1,400 other ranks; September 27th, 104 other ranks.

For several days after our occupation the battle in the Argonne Forest north of us continued with fury. Big guns were brought up and placed in all the valleys and on the rear slopes supporting the attack to the north and harassing the German batteries across the Meuse River. From the regimental P. C. aeroplane battles frequently were seen, and



GERMAN AID STATION AT DRILLANCOURT, CAPTURED BY 131ST INF.

when our observation balloons moved forward the enemy made daily efforts to destroy them, succeeding in several instances. One enemy plane was brought down October 3rd, and one of our planes (French) fell in the outskirts of Drillancourt, killing the occupant. Day and night our forward positions were shelled and at intervals both the regimental aid station at Drillancourt and the regimental P. C., outside the village was shelled, but fortunately never hit. Aeroplanes were continually flying around until finally no one paid much attention to them. One afternoon an enemy plane flew low over the regimental P. C. and when two or three hundred yards away turned loose with a machine gun on a group of officers and men standing out in front watching the shells bursting along the roads and edges of the woods to the north. No one was hit but there was some undignified tumbling to cover and less inclination thereafter to satisfy the promptings of curiosity. In fact the tendency of soldiers to stand around and expose to observation occupied positions had to be suppressed. Guards were placed to keep everybody moving and prevent congregating in bunches. Captured German machine guns were placed in position to fire on enemy planes, also some anti-aircraft guns were located under the general line of flight, but the attack was not repeated.

October 3rd. The positions held by the 132nd Infantry from the right of our line to Forges Creek were taken over by the third battalion of the 131st Infantry, and the entire front organized in strong points protected by patrols forward to the river bank. Patrols were also sent across the river at night at intervals for the purpose of taking prisoners and locating enemy positions. Not much was accomplished, however, as no organized line was found on the slopes facing west toward the Meuse. Occasionally enemy batteries would push out over the ridge and fire on



CHURCH AT GERCOURT

our position, but our own artillery quickly drove them back. One enemy patrol was surprised at night near Consenvoye some killed, some escaped and a couple were taken prisoner.

October 8th. The machine gun companies attached to the 131st In-



MACHINE GUN NEST, GERCOURT, CAPTURED BY SGT. JAKE ALLEX



RUINS OF GER COURT, TOWN CAPTURED BY 131ST INF.

fantry comprising companies B and C, 124th Machine Gun Battalion, and 129th Machine Gun Company, were placed in position along the west bank of the Meuse River for the purpose of supporting an attack to be made on the east side by the 132nd Infantry in connection with French troops and the 29th American Division. These machine gun companies were under shell fire during the 8th and 9th, and could not get out with the exception of Company B, 124th Machine Gun Battalion, which was the only company able to rejoin the regiment in time to cross to the east side of the Meuse River on the night of October 9th.

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SPRING AT DRILLANCOURT



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CHAPTER VII

THE ARGONNE-MEUSE OFFENSIVE

BOIS DE CHAUME, AND BOIS DU PLAT CHENE OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE

OPERATIONS TO NOVEMBER 4, 1918

MAP REFERENCE: VERDUN B 1:20,000. BRANDEVILLE 1:20,000.

Following the engagement north of Mort Homme on the 26th of September, 1918, the 131st Infantry held a forward line on the west bank of the Meuse River from the evening of that date to the 8th of October, 1918. That line consisting of outposts on the edge of the river, supports in immediate rear and one battalion in reserve west of Forges Woods extended from a point east of Dannevoux south to the Consenvoye Crossing, a distance of nearly three kilometers. On the 3rd and 4th of October the 132nd Infantry, which occupied the extension of the lines to the south, was withdrawn and our line prolonged on the east of the Forges Woods nearly five additional kilometers, connecting with French troops south of the town of Forges. This additional line was lightly held by outposts. The entire line was within the lines of the comprehensive defensive scheme abandoned as subsequent events developed.

During the occupation of this line covering a period approximating fourteen days troops were subject to intermittent shell fire, gas attacks at night and rainy weather, resulting in some casualties and sickness nearly every day; consequently troops were not in the best condition to take part in the offensive movement which followed on the east side of the river. The night of October 7th the second battalion and the 131st Machine Gun Company, Major Hamlet C. Ridgway commanding, was detailed to the 132nd Infantry and were used as supporting battalion of the force which attacked under orders of Colonel Davis at 11:00 a. m. October 8th.

The afternoon of October 7th notice was received that the 108th Engineers were to build bridges across the Meuse river that night, both north and south of Consenvoye bridge. One bridge was completed only, location about 800 meters south, and the old Consenvoye wagon bridge was repaired. Over these two bridges all the infantry of the 33rd Division crossed except two battalions that participated in the attacks of the division in the subsequent operations north of Consenvoye. Much credit is

due to the 108th Engineers who constructed and repaired these bridges in the face of heavy shell fire and difficulty of operation.

The afternoon of October 8th orders were received to assemble the two remaining battalions of the regiment as reserve in case the troops under command of Colonel Davis needed support. The first battalion was assembled along the east edge, the third battalion along the north edge of Forges Wood under cover, and remained in positions until the night of October 9th-10th. In the meantime Colonel Davis's command was obliged to withdraw to trenches south of Bois de Chaume by reason of lack of support, the troops on his right flank being unable to advance. His troops met with stubborn resistance, harassing fire from artillery and gas and were not in condition to go forward again. The necessity of their withdrawal was apparent. After a long conference between the brigade commander, commanding officer, 131st Infantry, and Colonel Davis, 132nd Infantry, the situation was gone over thoroughly and it was decided that the 131st Infantry should retake the abandoned objective, trusting that under the impetus of the attack troops on the right would also move forward.

At 11:45 p. m. October 9th orders were issued to the commanding officer, 131st Infantry, to attack through the lines at 6:05 a. m. 10th October, 1918, with the following units:

First and third battalions, 131st Infantry, in line.

Third battalion, 129th Infantry, in support.

Company B, 124th Machine Gun Battalion.

Companies A and B, 122nd Machine Gun Battalion.

Brigade reserve: Third battalion, 130th Infantry, less one company; first battalion, 129th Infantry; second battalion, 132nd Infantry (to remain in position in cable trenches until further orders); second battalion, 131st Infantry.

October 9th. Anticipating orders, the attacking battalions were ordered to cross the Meuse River and assemble in readiness in trenches immediately south of Consenvoye, which was accomplished shortly after dark, with the exception of a battalion of the 129th Infantry, which arrived later in the night. Troops were in position ready to pass through the lines of the 132nd Infantry, who were lying south of the Bois de Chaume at 4:00 a. m. October 10th, 1918. An attack was ordered to commence at 6:05 a. m. and was made at that hour from the cable line trenches held by the 132nd Infantry (less one battalion) and attached troops. The hour for march from trenches was set for 1:00 a. m. October 10, consequently when the commanding officer, 131st Infantry arrived after receiving orders, having proceeded on foot in the dark across the Meuse River foot bridge accompanied by the operations officer, it was too late to issue other than verbal instructions, which were hurriedly



ROAD TO BRIDGE OVER MEUSE RIVER
NEAR CONSENVOYE

AMERICAN AEROPLANE SHOT DOWN
NEAR DRILLANCOURT

promulgated. Only three maps were available, two of which were passed out to the commanding officers of the attacking battalions and the troops started on their way within a very few moments, forming up in ample time for the attack as the barrage fell.

October 10th. The mission of the brigade was to clear the Bois de Chaume and Bois du Plat Chene and exploit to the second exploitation objective of the corps. This objective was a line running east from the south edge of the town of Sivry-sur-Meuse east about one kilometer to rising ground, thence along the Refeille Road extending along the north edge of the ridge to Villeneuve Farm, thence east to north and south Grid line 24. Supporting troops on the right, 29th Division, 18th Division (French), second battalion, 104th Field Artillery, first battalion, 105th Field Artillery, first battalion, 106th Field Artillery (heavy). Infantry on the immediate right was the 115th Regiment (American).

The plan of the attack was that the first battalion, 131st Infantry, on the right, and third battalion, 131st Infantry, on the left, should move straight north through the woods with flanking patrols, the third battalion covering the open ground west to the Meuse River. One 37 millimeter and two trench mortars were assigned to each battalion. The third battalion, 129th Infantry and third battalion, 130th Infantry, would follow through the woods at 500 yards distant as support, having been assigned to that duty by verbal orders of the brigade commander to commanding officer 131st Infantry. The third battalion on the left, Companies I and M in the assaulting line, Companies K, less one platoon, and Company L in support. One platoon of Company K was directed to mop up the west edge of Bois de Chaume, and send patrols as far as the Meuse River. The advance started on the prescribed hour, but because of

the thick woods and underbrush was extremely difficult, many machine gun nests being encountered and disposed of. When the valley which extends into the wood was reached, seven enemy planes flying very low sprayed the line with machine gun fire, and three planes dropped bombs causing four casualties.

As soon as troops emerged from the north end of Bois de Chaume into the valley Dans les Vaux enemy artillery and machine guns put down a counter-barrage on the north edge of the woods, the valley and the hill beyond. Troops, however, passed through this barrage, reached the objective, and dug in on the reverse slope of the hill, throwing out a line of outposts consisting of automatic rifle squads beyond the crest for observation and guard against counter-attacks. During the advance a section of the trench mortar platoon did good service in knocking out an unknown number of machine guns located in a thicket on the left of the third battalion, also in dispersing a working party operating on the opposite side of the hill crest. The first battalion met with considerable resistance and became more or less disorganized. They were unable to get contact-liaison with troops on the right. Companies A and D, forming the assaulting echelon, reached the objective as planned, but Companies B and C were held up by machine gun fire which appeared on their right and were unable to proceed until assistance was rendered by two companies of the Third battalion of the 129th Infantry. The remaining two companies of the 129th Infantry passed through them and continued the advance. The Third battalion, 129th Infantry, in support, was ordered to maintain liaison with the 115th Infantry, following in the rear of the First battalion; the 1st Bn. 131st Infantry reached its objective with two companies. One company remained in liaison with the 115th Infantry and made no advance.

About one hour after reaching positions on the objective the third company of the Third battalion, 129th Infantry, came up. The battalion commander, Captain Burgheim, and battalion headquarters, did not arrive until 4 p. m. The Third battalion, 131st Infantry, meeting with less resistance, reached their objective at 10:50 a. m.

Enemy machine guns during the night of October 9th-10th had worked around to the rear of the positions held by the 132nd Infantry, and the Third battalion, 129th Infantry, in forming up, received their fire from the direction of Consenvoye Wood.

At the end of the day the Third battalion, 129th Infantry, was on the extreme right, at Magenta Farm, a portion of the First battalion on the left, and the remainder forward on the objective; Third battalion on the left also on the objective. The Third battalion, 130th Infantry, Major Edward Bittel commanding, who was ordered to follow at about 500 yards

behind the 129th Infantry with special instructions to support the right, went forward through the enemy's barrage, which caught them as they entered the valley south of the Bois du Plat Chene. Apparently enemy machine guns were continually filtering in on the right where the 115th Infantry was supposed to be, as this battalion reported a machine gun nest which completely swept the territory over which their advance was made. Company M went forward to its first objective, but Companies I and K were disorganized.

The battalion commander rallied such portions as he could find, and sent them forward by detachments, placing them under the command of the commanding officer of Company M. The scattered remains of Companies I and K were collected together the next morning, October 11th, reformed, brought under control and moved into supporting position. Major Bittel, the battalion commander, went forward, reorganized his position and displayed rare judgment in making his dispositions. The failure of troops on the right to advance subjected this battalion and all other troops in the advance to terrific artillery fire, consisting of high explosive, shrapnel and gas, as well as flanking machine gun fire, resulting in many casualties.

During the afternoon of the 10th it became evident that no support would be forthcoming from troops on the right. At 2 p. m., while on the objective, a counter attack was repulsed. Many messages came in reciting the fact that troops were under heavy machine gun fire, shell fire and gas. Nine enemy planes sprayed the lines with machine gun fire for five minutes without opposition. Later, the raid was repeated. Enemy



RAILROAD STATION AT CONSENVOYE AND BRIDGE CROSSING THE MEUSE RIVER

troops started working around the right flank in small squads. One recently assigned major who had never been in action before was inclined to be panicky, and more or less disorganization existed in some of the three regimental detachments and machine gun companies scattered as they were through the woods.

After consultation with the brigade commander it was decided to hold the line, and to dig in a defensive position in the valley Dans les Vaux, through the woods east to Grid line 24 to be held at all costs. All troops, except those holding the line and brigade reserve, were to be employed in the work. Lieutenant Colonel Stansfield, 132nd Infantry, who was with the reserve, was given instructions to order the work. It was impossible to complete parts of this line during daylight. Work was continued at intervals when opportunity permitted. Not much progress was made in the way of connecting up the entire line, but individual units dug in the best they could. Major Bittel did especially good work in preparing his position, cutting out the underbrush, wiring approaches, etc.

October 11th. The morning of October 11th message was received from the commanding officer, 115th Infantry, that their second battalion was about to effect a passage of the lines with orders to gain the second exploitation objective. The movement apparently failed, as the left of that organization was located the following morning, October 12th, at 1:50 a. m., two and one-half kilometers in rear on Grid line 81.

It became evident in the early morning that a reorganization and readjustment of the line was necessary. The commanding officer, 131st Infantry, was notified by the brigade commander that he would be in command of operations between north and south Grid 24 and River Meuse, with three battalions and machine gun company, 131st Infantry, and the following attached troops: Third battalion, 130th Infantry; Third battalion, 129th Infantry, and attached machine gun units. Major Allen, Third battalion, was designated by the commanding officer, 131st Infantry, as his representative with orders to place Captain Melville in charge of all machine gun units, to check positions and make readjustments where necessary. Troops as were then forward of line dug the night before to be held by outposts, other line designated at the same time to be held and the position organized in depth. Liaison to be maintained on right. Anticipating some act on the part of the right flank troops, as evidenced by their message at 8 a. m., October 11th, in which it was stated: "Our Second battalion (115th Infantry) is about to effect a passage of lines to begin the attack. Orders to gain the second exploitation objective," our forward troops again occupied that portion of the line on our immediate front. Consummation of the intended supporting move was not accomplished. At 11:25, October 11th, the liaison



VIEW OF THE MEUSE RIVER FROM CONSENSVOYE BRIDGE LOOKING SOUTH

officer of the 115th Infantry was asked to ascertain where the left of organization was, and what progress was being made, there being no apparent movement. Heavy machine gun fire increasing in volume continued on our right. The First battalion commander reported situation serious. No report was received to inquiry as to position of the 115th Infantry until 7:30 a. m., October 12th, at which time the commanding officer reported: "Was unable to advance, owing to regiment on right being held up."

At 1:50 a. m., October 12th our patrols reported the left of the 115th Infantry at Grid 81, two and one-half kilometers in rear of our forward posts.

During the night, October 11th-12th, a conference was held with the brigade commander, at which time a decision was reached to consolidate and dig in a line in the general direction east and west on Grid 82 toward the north edge of Bois de Chaume, but conditions during that night made the movement impossible. It was, therefore, deferred until the following night.

October 12th. At 3 p. m. troops lay on the ridge forward of Grid line 82, Third battalion, 131st Infantry, left; First battalion, 131st Infantry, center; First and Third battalions, 129th Infantry, right, with flank protection. The First battalion, 131st Infantry, were ordered to patrol the area north of Grid line 82 to act as covering party to the working party digging trenches, and to withdraw when ordered. The First and Third battalions, 129th Infantry, were to fall back through the line as soon as work started, and go into reserve position northeast of Consenvoye. Major Allen, 131st Infantry, was placed in immediate com-

mand of forward troops with orders to furnish covering parties and patrol to protect all working parties. Also to cover the outpost zone on the north and the river bottom with patrols. The second battalion, 129th Infantry, was detailed to report with picks and shovels at 6 p. m., but did not report until 11:30 p. m., and then without heavy picks or shovels. The engineers who were to deliver these tools did not get them up until 11:30 a. m. October 13th. However, working parties from the Third battalion, 131st Infantry, had begun to dig their portion of the line evening of the 12th, also holding the line around Bois de Chaume. Companies used their intrenching tools and some German tools for digging. October 13th, contemplated moves were as follows: Third battalion, protected by strong outpost, to fall back to the line of resistance along Grid line 82, First and Third battalions, 129th Infantry, to fall back from resistance line to reserve position north of Consenvoye at 12 o'clock midnight; First battalion, 131st Infantry, which remained in front of Grid line 82, as covering party to workers digging trenches, to fall back through resistance line to support position on the left of the Second battalion, 131st Infantry, south of Bois de Chaume at the same hour. In the afternoon of the 13th, Addendum No. 1 to Field Order No. 29, Thirty-third Division, was received, which stated the intention of the division commander to begin the operation of placing the Sixty-fifth Infantry brigade on the west bank.

Evening of October 13th no troops remained north of the entrenched line on Grid line 82, east and west. This line was held as follows: Third battalion, 131st Infantry, left on the Meuse River; Third battalion, 130th Infantry, center; Second battalion, 129th Infantry, right, connecting with left of the 115th Infantry which had progressed to point 24.0-91.8.

At 4:30 p. m., in compliance with brigade orders, telephone orders were sent to Major Allen to remove First and Third battalions of the 131st Infantry out of the line and report same to Consenvoye. At the same time orders were sent to the commanding officers of the Third battalion, 130th Infantry, and Second battalion, 129th Infantry, to extend and occupy the entire line.

At 10:45 p. m., October 13th, the Third battalion, 130th Infantry, took over the sector held by the Third battalion, 131st Infantry; the Second battalion, 129th Infantry, extending their line to connect with the 115th Infantry on the right. The First and Third battalions, 131st Infantry, were withdrawn to trenches south of Consenvoye. The Second battalion, 131st Infantry, remained in support in trenches south of Bois de Chaume.

Positions of battalions were then as follows:

Third battalion, 130th Infantry, on left, along Grid 82—from 210-817 to 228-820.

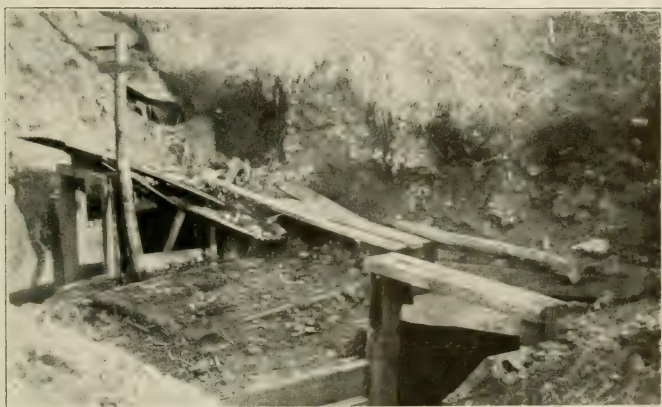
Second battalion, 129th Infantry, on right, from 228-820 to 240-820, following road leading southeast to junction with narrow gauge railway, then along narrow gauge railway to Grid 24, where connection was made with 115th Infantry.

Support—In trenches south of Bois de Chaume, Second battalion, 131st Infantry.

Reserve—In trenches north of Consenvoye, First battalion, 129th Infantry; Second battalion, 129th Infantry; Second battalion, 132nd Infantry. In trenches south of Consenvoye, First battalion, 131st Infantry; Third battalion, 131st Infantry.

At 3 p. m., October 14th, an order was issued to the commanding officer of Second battalion, 131st Infantry, to proceed and locate himself in Forges Woods as soon as relieved by a battalion of the 129th Infantry, which was on the way for that purpose. This relief was accomplished at 7 p. m., October 14th, delay being caused by heavy shelling on position south of Bois de Chaume. There was also considerable delay in the crossing of the Meuse River at Consenvoye by relieving troops. The crossing was not effected until late in the morning of October 15th. Conditions were then favorable for crossing movement and such was continued without interruption. The last unit of the 131st Infantry crossed the river, going west at 11:30 a. m., October 15th, and the commanding officer, 131st Infantry, turned over command of the sector with dispositions complete at 12 o'clock noon.

Pursuant to Field Order No. 20, Sixty-sixth Infantry brigade, Octo-



GERMAN DUGOUT SOUTH OF CONSENSVOYE USED AS HDQRS. OF THE 131ST INFANTRY ATTACK OF OCT. 10TH to 15TH

ber 14th, the regiment went into position in trenches west of Forges Woods, where needed new clothing and supplies were issued and the men made as comfortable as circumstances could permit.

It was unfortunate that the troops on the right in this attack were unable to make progress as their advance would have insured the taking of strong positions on the Haramount Ridge. Our troops were three times on the final objective, overlooking the ridge, and were obliged to fall back for lack of support to prevent being cut to pieces. The morning of October 10th enemy forces appeared to be in confusion, and hastily fled before our advance. When the advance was not followed up machine gun detachments worked back through the woods on our open flank in continually increasing numbers and became very bold. It was not deemed advisable to shell and gas the woods to the right, except as a last resort, for fear of interfering with troops which were attempting to come forward and also danger of involving other troops occupying lines at an angle. October 11th it was reported that Sivry-sur-Meuse was full of machine guns, and the enemy concentrating there. Prior to this date all efforts to have our artillery direct their fire on this town were unavailing until above reports were repeated. Heavy fire concentrated on the town finally cleared it of enemy troops.

Machine Guns.—During the attack of October 8th, and until the evening of the 9th, the companies of the 124th machine gun battalion, and the machine gun company of the 129th Infantry were located along the western edge of the Meuse River on the right, overlooking the flats in their immediate front and the rising ground east of the river.

Their function was to support the attack by delivering harassing fire upon the enemy's positions. When ordered to withdraw and rejoin battalions to whom they were assigned, they came out after dark and got mixed up, and one company of the 124th machine gun battalion did not get into action at all. The reports of the action of the machine gun companies during the operations following the morning of October 10th, show that they rendered valuable aid.

Company B, 124th machine gun battalion, attached to the Third battalion, 131st Infantry, led by Lieutenant Bourdon, was highly praised by the major commanding his battalion. This company played an important part in the holding of the line. They were continually shelled by high explosive and gas shells and under constant fire from enemy machine guns and snipers. Company A, 122nd machine gun battalion (less one-half platoon), Captain Herbert E. Algeo commanding, arrived in trenches southeast of Cousenvoye, about 5 a. m. the 10th, reported to the commanding officer of the First Battalion, 131st Infantry, about 12 o'clock noon the same day, and was assigned to duty, supporting the right flank. Captain Algeo, in his report, states:



GERMAN DUGOUTS NORTH OF BOIS PLAT CHENE

"We started out about 11:30 a. m., entering the southern edge of the Bois de Chaume (at 225.813, Map Verdun B.), and proceeded almost due north, until we entered a draw. We had been under shell fire all morning, but in this draw it was much heavier and more concentrated. We lost four men wounded here, and leaving the draw we turned to the right and halted to rest in some shallow trenches (Map Verdun B, 236.822). Here we found that the infantry had disappeared, leaving only the battalion commander with us. He and I made a reconnaissance and succeeded in locating Major Hemenway, commander of the Third battalion, 129th Infantry, at the northern edge of the woods in the valley (Map Brandeville, 238.829). He told us that two companies of the First battalion, 129th Infantry, were on the hill in front of us with his battalion (at from 243.835 to 246.834).

"I returned to my command and brought them out on the road, which runs into the Ravine de la Vaux de Mille Mais (233.826, Map Verdun B, juncture of road and ravine). Arriving on the road, we met a runner from the 131st Infantry, who told me that Captain Carroll Gale was in command of the 131st Infantry forces on the hill, and showed me where I could find his command. We marched across the valley without any casualties, although the enemy was sending over quite a bit of gas and a machine gun was operating quite persistently from a position up the

valley to our right. Arriving on the hill I met Lieut. John Marchant, 131st Infantry, who informed me that Captain Gale had just been wounded and that Captain Wilson, Company A, 131st Infantry, was in charge. Lieutenant Marchant gave me a runner to take me to Captain Wilson, and I reported to him with my company at about 5 p. m. He told me briefly the situation, and I made my dispositions, placing four guns under Lieutenant Becker (at about 242.835, Map Brandeville), and six guns, four under Lieutenant King and two under Lieutenant Hoover at from 237.834 to 239.834 (Map Brandeville). I was then informed by Captain Wilson that Major Cody was in command, and that he had his P. C. on the hill. I reported to him immediately in compliance with the orders, finding Captain Daley there also, and I established my company headquarters at 235.832 (Map Brandeville).

"Under instructions from Major Southwick received the next morning, I sent Lieutenant Hoover back to take care of our echelon and transport and turned his two guns over to Lieutenant King. On the morning of the 11th the right of our line, where Lieutenant Becker's platoon was located, was subjected to a very severe concentration of artillery fire. One of Lieutenant Becker's gunners, Private John Milkowski, receiving a direct hit which literally blew him to atoms and put his gun out of action. The other gun of this section, however, continued to function, the gunner, Private Mark A. Goetzman, refusing to leave despite the fact that the rest of his gun crew were wounded and the infantry which his gun was supporting were retreating. His action, undoubtedly, prevented the enemy from following up the attack, and gave the infantry a chance to reorganize and to establish a new line, which they did about 300 yards back. He continued firing his gun for nearly an hour, until the line was re-established, but was forced to abandon it, as he could not bring it out by himself. It was recovered later by Sergeant William Payne, and a detail comprising Privates Lewis D. Potter and William L. Werle, who made two trips through heavy shell fire to bring back both gun and tripod and all the other equipment. Lieutenant Oswald F. Becker was knocked out by a shell this same morning and sent back, the command of his platoon falling upon Sergeant John C. Miller, who has since been awarded a commission for his behavior during this action.

"On October 12th we received orders to move our line down the hill a little ways, which necessitated a change of our P. C., so Major Cody, Captain Daley and I moved back across the valley and established headquarters at 227.823 (Map Verdun B). We were withdrawn on the night of October 13th and returned to Consenvoye."

Various machine gun companies knocked out several enemy machine guns. Lieutenant King's section did excellent work when the First Battalion, 131st Infantry, repulsed a counter-attack by the enemy October

11th. Lieutenant Miller, with his section, held his position in front of the sector occupied by the battalions of the 129th Infantry after units of these battalions had retired. He stayed in position until support was sent him by the First Battalion, 131st Infantry. The machine gun company of 131st Infantry attached to the Second Battalion, 131st Infantry, was in position on the regiment's flank facing the enemy in Consenvoye wood after the engagement of October 9th. Capt. James D. Melville, commanding machine gun company of the 131st Infantry, attached to the second battalion of that regiment at the time the battalion was employed in connection with the 132nd Infantry attack, October 8th, reports his action on that date as follows:

"On the 8th of October I had eleven guns available and assigned four guns under Lieutenant Lyon to follow the front line (Support Battalion), and seven guns to follow the supporting companies during the advance. The platoon of forward guns did no firing but took up their positions to defend the lines against counter-attack. This platoon lost one gun and crew by shell fire, but being in support position had no opportunity to fire.

"When I found the right flank of this attack entirely open I took charge of the remaining seven guns and two or three odd guns belonging to other organizations, and distributed them in depth along the exposed flank. I then had two guns well forward on the support line, three guns on the right of and 100 to 200 yards in rear of the right company, and four guns 600 yards in rear of the three guns. All through these nine



GERMAN MACHINE GUN POSITION IN HOUSE AT SIVRY SUR MEUSE

guns had a good field of fire along the flank of our position and into the Bois Consenvoye, but were instructed not to fire except in case of counter-attack. Firing would have brought artillery fire upon them without compensating results. They were too exposed to remain, if located by enemy artillery.

"The guns not belonging to me were picked up by the companies to whom they belonged and I withdrew my four forward guns to the extreme left of the support position, which left me four guns on the left and three guns on the right, forward, and four guns on the right, rear. This disposition was maintained until relieved.

"When orders for relief were received, I had the guns carried to Consenvoye, where I had the limbers pick up the loads.

"During this action we found a number of Lewis guns, which I immediately had put in good condition and distributed to the right flank companies with sufficient ammunition to make them usable. There were four to Company G, 131st Infantry, and three to Company H, 131st Infantry, with fourteen magazine pans to each gun."

Company B, 122nd Machine Gun Battalion, Capt. J. S. T. C. Daly commanding, attached to second battalion, 131st Infantry, operating with the command of Col. Davis, the 8th and 9th were relieved from that duty and assigned to the first battalion of the 131st Infantry at 12:30 a. m., October 10. With the latter organization this company operated as set forth in Capt. Daly's report, as follows:

"The attack was launched at 6:05 a. m. As the Infantry Battalion attacked in two waves, I had assigned the first and third platoons to cover the advance of the right and left companies of the first wave and the second platoon to cover the right flank of the company on the right of the second wave. We attacked due north from the take off, through Bois de Chaume and Plat-Chene, across the valley north of these woods and up the hill beyond that. The progress through the woods was exceedingly difficult on account of the thick underbrush and the many enemy machine guns concealed in emplacements and in trees. After clearing the woods we emerged into the valley beyond and were there subjected to intense machine gun and point blank artillery fire from the front and right flank. For a short time the outcome was a trifle uncertain, but no power on earth could stop these infantry and machine gun men from advancing up the hill. They went. When they were within two or three hundred yards of the enemy rear-guard positions, from which they had been putting up a most stubborn resistance, the enemy saw that they could not hold the positions and they took to their heels over the top of the hill to prearranged positions beyond. As they appeared on the sky-line, two machine guns, under the command of Lt. Lester Miller, were put into action against them and the apparent casualties were heavy.



MACHINE GUN POSITION IN THE ADVANCE BEYOND BOIS DE CHAUME

“My first platoon, in advancing through Bois de Chaume, encountered serious resistance and both Lt. Ligget, the platoon commander, and Sgt. Dagon were wounded, leaving the platoon under the command of Corporal King.

“When the infantry had advanced as far as they dared, the right flank being uncovered, they established their line of resistance and threw out outposts. The machine guns were located where they could best cover and protect them and then the most trying phase of the operation began—the defensive. From the morning of October 10, until the night of the 13th, when we were withdrawn, there was hardly an hour passed that these men were not subjected to intense artillery and machine gun fire and gas.

“The casualties in my organization were as follows:

“Killed—Pvts., 1st cl. Wilson Cole and Emory J. Whisler. Reported since died of wounds—Pvt. Edward P. Bealin. Wounded—Corporals Edward W. Damler and Arthur M. Ryan. Privates, 1st cl. Charles Seefield, Pearl F. Crow, Martin C. Hanson, Anthony G. Freitag. Privates Walter C. Mueller, Walter A. Diesing, Walter G. Knoy, Oscar W. Vinje, George Cash, Eugene H. Stewart and Lynn Holmes.

“I do not believe that any machine gun organization was ever asked to do more than my company was in this operation. Leaving out, altogether, their conduct under fire, the fact that they ever got there with their machine guns, tripods, spare parts, water boxes, and 4,000 rounds of S. A. A. per gun, is, in itself, a praiseworthy accomplishment. All this equipment was carried by sorely depleted squads from P. C. Alexander (2165.7394) to the jumping off trench and from there through the woods,

across the valley, and up the hill to the final positions. The distance covered varied between thirteen and fourteen kilometers."

Mention must also be made of Captain Kriegbaum, Company D, 124th Machine Gun Battalion, although attached to a battalion of the 132nd Infantry. Most of his machine guns had been knocked out and many of his men were casualties. He volunteered and guided other machine gunners to position and checked over the forward line and made report on same. By his coolness and energy Captain Kriegbaum helped maintain the lines against the enemy.

Medical Corps. The officers and men of the medical corps received praise from all ranks for their bravery and their treatment of the wounded. They were on duty night and day. One officer, Lieutenant Schwald, though sick and having fainted twice, stuck to his post until the regiment was relieved. During the engagement the band, acting as stretcher bearers, was continually in the fighting zone from battalion headquarters on the south edge of Bois de Chaume to Consenvoye first aid station.

Subsequent developments proved the wisdom of withdrawing this regiment from the line. At this particular point the 132nd Infantry which went forward in the first attack withdrew to trench positions in rear of the Bois de Chaume and was there on the morning of the third day, when the 131st Infantry attacked through the position. The 131st Infantry went to the objective three different times, held it all the time either in position or with outposts until directed to withdraw to entrenched position forward of jumping off line.

The troops from 6:00 a. m. October 10th to the night of October 14th-15th, were subjected to shell fire, machine gun fire, gas, aeroplane attacks and fire from snipers incessantly in some parts of the line. Very few men were able to obtain any needed rest or sleep. To add to their discomfort it rained nearly every day, frequently food could not be transported to parts of the line, sometimes it was spoiled by mustard gas, which in low areas of the woods compelled men to wear gas masks nearly all the time. Commencing the night of the 10th until the relief, battalion and company commanders were sending in messages portraying the situation as untenable and the condition of the men as desperate. The men themselves hung on without complaint, without a thought of giving an inch unless ordered to do so, notwithstanding the fact that many of them had been unable to take their clothing off for thirty days. They showed conclusively the magnificent spirit of the American troops and their fortitude under adverse conditions will always remain an example of heroic valor worthy of emulation.

The failure of the troops east of the Meuse River to make a marked advance was not an unfavorable factor. The tenacity with which they

held the ground gained north of Consenvoye prevented the Germans from detaching units to the aid of their badly mauled lines further north. The position thus became a pivot on which the Argonne Forest offensive swung. That offensive had, on October 11th-12th, passed beyond the Argonne Forest. October 15th a deep wedge had been driven into the Kremhilde line of the German defense, which had been ordered held to the very end. It was the beginning of the end.

The following incident which occurred during the fight is typical of the initiative of detached groups. A squad of eight men of Company K, 131st Infantry, sent on patrol duty towards Sivry, penetrated to the south of the town on the Sivry-Consenvoye Road, captured and brought in a machine gun detachment of twenty-four men and guns without the loss of a man.

Trench Mortars. The only opportunities to use trench mortars or 37 millimeter guns was in open spaces and it was with much difficulty that they were brought through the thick woods and underbrush. At one time when the first battalion, 131st Infantry, was held up by machine gun fire, four guns were demolished by the trench mortars. On another occasion a trench digging party was dispersed or destroyed and a large nest of machine guns was knocked out on the left of the third battalion, 131st Infantry.

37 Millimeter Guns. No service was received from any of the 37 millimeter guns. The only one which came into action was almost immediately struck by a shell from enemy artillery and damaged. One gun took up a defensive position covering the town of Sivry, but no opportunity presented itself for action.

Captures. The third battalion reported 390 prisoners captured. Re-



ADVANCE HDQRS. OF MAJOR ALLEN IN DEATH VALLEY SOUTH OF BOIS DE CHAUME

ceipts issued show 230 prisoners all told. Other battalions made captures, but no complete reports made. It is evident that many prisoners were sent back for whom no receipt was given, therefore, only approximate figures are available. Estimated captures, 600.

Guns and Other Material Captured and Reported. Eight 77 millimeter guns, 24 heavy machine guns, 7 light machine guns, 19 automatic rifles, 8 anti-tank guns, 200 rifles, 1,750 rounds 77 millimeter shells, 100 rounds trench mortar ammunition, 72,000 rounds small arms ammunition, 30,000 rounds Lewis gun ammunition, 1,000 stick grenades. Large amount of clothing and equipment not salvaged for lack of time.

October 15th. The regiment was again settled in its old position west of Forges Wood, in the trench line extending from the edge of the wood west to hill 272, on Gerecourt-Bethencourt road facing north; third battalion on the right, first battalion center, second battalion on the left with lines extending to hill 272. Material was collected from dumps for building shelters. There was plenty of wood available and everything possible was done to make the men comfortable; many were, however, totally exhausted and large numbers reported to the regimental aid station as shown by the reports of October 17th-18th.

October 19. Night of October 19th-20th, regimental headquarters Headquarters Company and three battalions left trenches in a heavy rain staging at Bois de Nixeville and Bois de Claude, thence Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Supply Company, to Camp Monthairons, first battalion to LeChanois (West); second battalion, Ferme Pontoux; third battalion and machine gun company, Le Tamaris.

October 23rd. The 131st Infantry changed billets with the 315th Infantry and were assigned to the Second Colonial Army Corps (French), becoming reserve for the right sub-sector of the Troyon Sector, units stationed as follows: Regimental Headquarters, third battalion, Supply Company, Headquarters Company, machine gun company, Thillombois; first battalion, Woimbey, second battalion, Camp Gibraltar. The following day two platoons of the first battalion and one section machine gun company were sent to Fort de Troyon as reinforcements to garrison at that point. One company from the same battalion was sent to Lavigneville to guard ammunition dumps being formed at that point. October 25th, the detail to Fort de Troyon was withdrawn.

October 26. Orders were received to the effect that the 39th Division (French) would be relieved in its sector by extending the front of the 28th U. S. Division to the west and the 33rd U. S. Division to the right. The second battalion, 131st Infantry, with Companies A and B, 122nd machine gun battalion, was directed to make the relief night of October 27th-28th. They marched to Chaillon in the St. Mihiel Sector on the afternoon of October 26th. On the 28th the regimental band and Com-



HDQRS. OF MAJ. BITTEL, BOIS DE CHAUME

pany I, third battalion, were sent to St. Mihiel, the band to furnish music for the French Corps Headquarters, Company I, to perform guard duty. Relief was completed by second battalion, night of October 27th-28th, as scheduled. One company stationed at Woel, three companies at the Bois la Hayes.

October 28th. Battalion headquarters and third battalion (less Company I) were sent to Chaillon, designated as the battalion reserve. Regimental headquarters remained at Thillombois; first battalion at Woimbey.

November 4th. The 132nd Infantry was ordered relieved on the front held by them in outpost positions on the Woivre plain facing the German lines between Jonville and Harville. Relief was completed on the 7th, with Regimental Headquarters on the hills in the forest near St. Maurice (482-286); third battalion headquarters, St. Maurice; second battalion headquarters, Hannonville; first battalion in supporting position at Vieville. Company I was relieved at St. Mihiel and rejoined the third battalion, machine gun company to Longeau Farm. Positions occupied were designated as the sub-sector Massachusetts. November 12th, a reassignment of positions was made, first and second battalions at Hannonville; third battalion and machine gun company at Thillot; Supply Company at the railroad at (444-482). As usual, wherever the 131st Infantry occupied a position in the line anywhere with the enemy in front of it, things began to happen. This case was no exception, as will be noted by the following narrative of operations, related in the next chapter.



AEROPLANE VIEW OF ST. HILAIRE AND BUTGNEVILLE

CHAPTER VIII

TROYON SECTOR

(Continuation of Argonne-Meuse Offensive)

ATTACKS ON ST. HILAIRE—BOIS de HARVILLE—la BERTAUCOURT FARM,
ETC.

OTHER MOVEMENTS TO DECEMBER 14TH

MAP REFERENCE: VIGNEULLES A AND B, 1/20,000

The night of November 5th-6th, the third battalion moved out of Chaillon and relieved the first battalion of the 132nd Infantry at St. Maurice. The second battalion moved out of Deuxnouds night of 5th-6th and relieved the third battalion, 132nd Infantry at Hannonville. In the night of 6th-7th the first battalion located at Deuxnouds, relieved the second battalion, 132nd Infantry at Vieville and the 131st Machine Gun Company moved to Longeau Farm. The morning of November 7th the various units of the 131st Infantry were located as follows: Headquarters, Bois de la Montagne (48.2-48.6); first battalion at Vieville; second battalion at Hannonville; third battalion at St. Maurice and machine gun company at Longeau Farm. The position was defensive with centers of



HDQRS. 131ST INF. AT CHAILLON

resistance on the line Hannonville-St. Maurice-Vieville. Patrol zone, the terrain between the outpost zone and the enemy.

Mission. 1. To keep in touch with the enemy.

2. To keep the integrity of the position of resistance.

(a) During normal situation in this sector, to repel raids and local attacks, maintaining the integrity of its position, avoid losses from gas and shell fire by keeping the outpost system lightly held by means of strong points.

(b) In case of general attack to concentrate its defensive on a line of resistance supported by reserves and by all available means of defense.

Patrols. (See maps.)

Following the extensive attack which resulted in the capture of the salient north of St. Mihiel, enemy activity on this immediate front seems to have gradually lessened and at the time of our occupation there appeared to be some question as to where the enemy's lines were located, with suspicions in some quarters that he had withdrawn from the immediate front. The only indications of occupation were a few shells sent over every night apparently searching battery positions and an occasional aeroplane making observation in the day time. In consequence of this uncertainty it was determined that patrols should be sent well forward until they came in contact with the enemy, identification secured and No Man's Land covered in an aggressive manner, preventing enemy reconnaissance or activity except in force. To that end, strong patrols went out nightly. Later, when contact was obtained, raids were organized,



HDQRS. 3RD BATTALION AT ST. MAURICE



HDQRS. 1ST BATTALION, HANNONVILLE

soon clearing up the situation and resulting in the capture of a number of prisoners and gaining additional territory.

Patrol No. 1. Night of November 6th-7th: Two officers and forty other ranks passed outpost near Wadonville toward Butgneville, along the stream northeast to east of St. Hilaire. Patrol left at 6:00 p. m. and returned at 2:30 a. m. Saw no enemy, but observed signs of recent occupation in trenches near St. Hilaire.

Patrol No. 2. Two officers and forty other ranks leaving 4:00 a. m. and returning 8:00 a. m. the 7th of November; reconnoitered Bois de Warville and Bois les Hautes Epines. Returned on account of fog clearing up, located no enemy in woods reconnoitered.

Patrol No. 3. One officer and twenty-five other ranks left at 11:00 a. m., returning at dark, November 7th; route to 500 yards southwest of south end of Bois les Hautes Epines, thence through the village of Doncourt; thence north about 100 yards, returning without encountering the enemy.

Patrol No. 4. Three officers and forty other ranks left 11:30 p. m., November 7th, and returned 2:30 a. m., the 8th; route from Woel northeast along the Woel-Jonville road to opposite Bois de la Haute Voye, thence north to Bois la Vacherie, through southern edge of wood and return. No enemy encountered.

Patrol No. 5. One officer and forty other ranks left at 3:00 a. m. and returned at 8:00 a. m. the 8th. Route—Avillers-Doncourt to southwest of Bois de Warville, at which point they captured one sergeant, one

corporal, eight privates and a light machine gun. Prior to reaching this point German signals were sent up from Bois de Harville, which were answered in three or four minutes by artillery. Barrage was laid down 250 yards west of Bois de Warville and moved slowly in the direction of Doncourt. Before the patrol reached Doncourt the barrage lifted and was placed in the village for forty minutes. Bois de Warville was found to be heavily wired. Patrol was fired upon by at least four machine guns from edge of Bois de Harville—road between Doncourt and Bois de Warville was found to be barricaded in two places.

Patrol No. 6. Consisting of one officer and forty other ranks, left Hannonville at 3:00 a. m., returned at 7:00 a. m. the 9th of November. When patrol reached the eastern edge of Wadonville enemy put down a barrage in their front. Patrol returned, with no-observation of value.

Patrol No. 7. Consisting of two officers and forty other ranks, went out at 11:00 a. m. the 9th, to 4:30 p. m. the 9th, in the direction of Bois de Warville. After the men crossed the Doncourt-St. Hilaire road and had advanced about 350 meters they received machine gun fire from 52.6-54.7 and rifle fire from 52.5-55.5. Saw eleven enemy. Drove the enemy into Butgneville. A rocket was fired from the south of the town, which was followed by machine gun fire in front of the town, and toward the east men were seen moving at about 53.0-54.3, which rocket was sent



HQRS. 3RD BATTALION, HANNONVILLE



STREET IN HANNONVILLE

up from that point. Also, enemy aeroplane flew over directing artillery fire on the patrol. Barrage was laid down in front of St. Hilaire for five minutes, then moved down the road in the direction of Donecourt. By this time machine gun fire was coming from front and flanks and patrol withdrew. No captures. Casualties: no officers; three other ranks.

Patrol No. 8. Two officers and forty other ranks left Wadonville at 9:30 p. m., November 9th, returned 2:30 a. m., November 10th. Proceeded to St. Hilaire and found the town flooded with water. Enemy patrol of eight men seen retreating. At 52.6-55.5 there was an enemy post, enemy seen withdrawing with light machine gun. Patrol received heavy fire from northeast direction beyond St. Hilaire-Butgneville Road. Strong point located at 52.7-55.7. St. Hilaire unoccupied by the enemy. Machine gun emplacements at 52.3-55.3 and 51.9-54.9. Patrol withdrew without capturing any prisoners. Casualties: officers, none; other ranks, two.

Raids. Pursuant to memorandum from commanding general, 66th Infantry Brigade, November 6th, 1918, a raid was carried out on the village of St. Hilaire, on November 8th, 1918. 5:45 a. m., for the purpose of taking prisoners and obtaining identification and killing Boche.

The composition of the force participating in the raid was two provisional companies of the 131st Infantry of 100 men each, 4 stretcher bearers, and two scouts attached to each company.

Officer Commanding Raid—Captain William M. Wilson.

Second in Command—First Lt. Thomas V. Casey.

First Provisional Company: Officer in Command—1st Lt. George Dunford.

Second in Command—2nd Lt. Walter U. Beauvais.

Second Provisional Company: Officer in Command—1st Lt. Julian L. Douglas.

Second in Command—2nd Lt. Paul F. Hunnewell.

Plan of the Raid. One platoon was sent from Wadonville to take position near the saw mill Muncel facing St. Hilaire. This platoon to remain in position during the raid for the purpose of cutting off escape of enemy to southwest and to take prisoners.

Two companies less one platoon, to proceed along the west bank of Moutru stream, forming up between points 52.3-55.0 and forming up line 52.4-55.4 facing St. Hilaire.

Troops were equipped in light marching order without identity of any kind, 100 rounds of ammunition and at least two hand grenades per man.

Artillery Support. Destructive fire on Marcheville and St. Hilaire Road, Butgneville, southwest edge of Bois de Harville.

Smoke on Marcheville and Butgneville, southwest edge of Bois de Harville. A standing barrage in crescent shape immediately north of the town of St. Hilaire from 51.3-55.6 to 52.5-55.5 from "H" hour to "H" plus 55 minutes.

A creeping barrage in front of the forming up line from about 52.3-55.7 to 51.8-55.0 in a general direction, northeast and southwest, standing for fifteen minutes and moving forward at the rate of 100 meters each three minutes, through St. Hilaire. Troops were to proceed when 200 meters off the rolling barrage follow same into St. Hilaire, remaining there until "H" hour plus 45 minutes at which time they were to return to our lines by way of St. Hilaire-Wadonville Road.



STREET IN HANNONVILLE LOOKING TOWARD DONCOURT



AID POST OF 131ST INF. AT DONCOURT

The officer commanding the raid reports that they left the assembling point (cross-roads, 48.5-48.7) at 1:10 hour with 50 men from the second battalion, proceeded down the road to Thillot and thence via. St. Maurice, Anvillers, Woel Road to Doncourt, arriving there at 4:30 hour. Encountered no opposition up to this point, but chased two skulkers out of some bushes, whom they did not fire upon for fear of disclosing their position. On the way from Woel to Doncourt he noticed that the telephone wires were all in good repair and that they were singing as though the current was being used through them. Protected by a fan-shaped patrol of eleven men with flankers on either side, they left Doncourt and started for the objective at five hour.

At a point about 52.3-53.6 they encountered approximately forty feet of various kinds of barbed trip wire, which they were forced to remove from the road. At a point about 52.2-54.0 they encountered a barricade three feet high and two feet wide, made of wood exterior and sod interior, stretching completely across the road. He examined this barricade very closely before allowing troops to cross it and while ascertaining whether it was safe or not for them to proceed up the road, discovered that the sod was laid in since the last rain, which had been about 10:00 o'clock the evening previous. Beyond the barricade there were about five feet of trip wire which they were forced to cut, also seven feet of French wire which they were forced to remove from the road before they could proceed. Beyond this there was a strip of about forty meters of various kinds of trip wire arranged in irregular style.

At a point where this barricade crossed the road they heard whistling in a clump of bushes to the right, but a patrol sent to investigate found nothing.

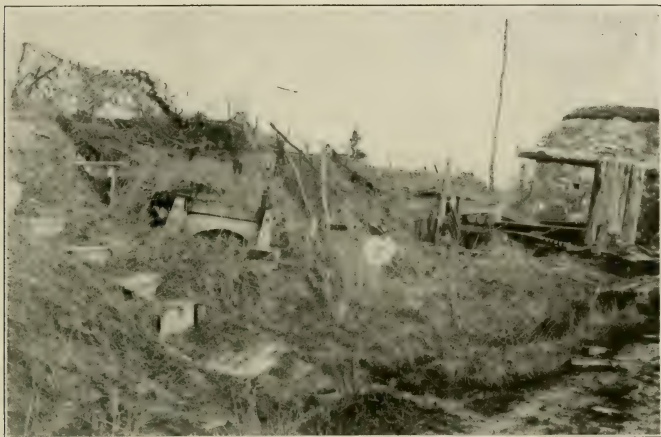
When 51.9-54.5 was reached it was discovered that the bridge over the stream De Moutru had been destroyed. The stream at this point was about six feet wide and three feet deep.

Raiding party formed on the objective 52.0-54.6 to 52.3-55.3 along the road, M and I companies in the front line, and second battalion provisional company in the second line, this being at about 5:35 hour. At the "H" hour the front line plunged through the stream and formed up on the jumping off line. Reconnaissance was made to the front and up the St. Hilaire-Doncourt road to a point approximately 51.8-54.9, and no signs of the enemy were seen; also on the east side of the stream among tree stumps and bushes nothing was seen. The ground was soggy, but far from being a swamp. No wire or enemy works were observed.

On the south side of St. Hilaire-Butgneville Road there are heavy thick bushes, and when an attempt was made to reconnoitre through these bushes an enemy white flare was thrown up in front of the bushes, immediately followed by heavy machine gun fire, which forced the troops to take shelter in shell holes. A German was seen carrying a machine gun about 70 to 110 yards up the road, coming towards Doncourt, with evident intention of getting in the rear. A squad was sent toward the machine gunner and on seeing them, he turned around and ran back towards the town. Seven machine guns were observed along the St. Hilaire-Butgneville Road, between the town and the point 52.4-55.7. Four machine guns in a large building at the corner of the town, three



FORMING UP LINE FOR RAIDS ON ST. HILAIRE NOV. 8 AND 9, 1918



GERMAN MACHINE GUN AND BATTERY POSITIONS, ST. HILAIRE, CAPTURED BY
131ST INF.

in a small building adjacent to the large building, both of these at a point approximately 51.9-55.6, and twelve guns along the St. Hilaire-Doncourt Road, from the town to a point about 51.7-55.1. At this point thirty men, unable to stand the fire, dropped back about 25 yards and withdrawal orders were issued immediately. Troops fell back slowly and in good order, dropping back ten or fifteen yards at a time firing volleys at each halt. Our artillery was weak, barrage that should have fallen on St. Hilaire was reported as nil.

Route returning was across the country towards Thillot, to prevent casualties. The entire party crossed the St. Hilaire-Doncourt Road and the stream successfully. After crossing the stream at 51.9-51.5, machine gun fire was encountered. At this time the enemy put up a heavy strafe on the area in front of Wadonville, in the squares 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, and shelled the St. Hilaire-Doncourt Road with whizbangs, guns of heavy calibre and overhead shrapnel.

Remarks. In view of the fact that the officer commanding this raid had been in action several times, and expected proper co-operation from the artillery as he had been accustomed to see in the past, it may not be fair to judge or criticize his decisions and acts, he being on the ground at the time; but it would appear that some effort might have been made even without entering the town of St. Hilaire, to send experienced details out for the purpose of capturing some of these machine guns.

Prisoners captured, one.

Second Raid. The first raid on the town of St. Hilaire having been productive of no results of importance, the second was organized by Major Francis M. Allen, third battalion, the zone of action limits of raid composition and object being identical to the first raid. Major Allen being ill, was unable to accompany the troops, organization of which was as follows:

Commanding Officer: Captain James C. Stockwell.

Second in Command: 1st Lt. George M. Dunford.

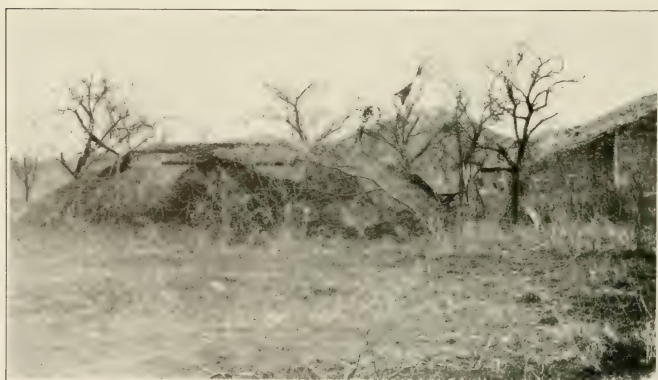
First Provisional Company. Officer in Command: 2nd Lt. Richard H. Buvens, Jr.

Second in Command: 2nd Lt. Wilton U. Beauvais.

Second Provisional Company. Officer in Command: 1st Lt. Thomas V. Casey.

Second in Command: 2nd Lt. Patrick Cronin.

Companies were formed up at 5:35 a. m., November 9th, across the St. Hilaire-Butgneville road facing the village of St. Hilaire, hour of attack was placed at 5:45 a. m., prior to which time destructive artillery fire was placed in the town for forty-five minutes. Artillery fire was also directed on the towns of Marcheville and Butgneville and on the southwest edge of Bois de Harville, which continued for an additional forty-five minutes. Smoke shells were also fired on the three latter points. All units advanced as ordered, passed through and around the town. No opposition was encountered. No enemy was seen, except two men, who escaped to the west at the beginning of the attack. On the east and south edge of the town were located about six machine gun posts partly



CAMOUFLAGED PILL BOX FRONT OF ST. HILAIRE



MACHINE GUN NEST, ST. HILAIRE

destroyed. On the western edge of the town, in two buildings, were machine gun posts, destroyed. Town found encircled with wire entanglements, except at the main road entering the town from the northeast. Raiding party returned to quarters at 8:30 a. m. No captures; no casualties.

November 9th, 1918, the brigade commander ordered two companies sent out to gain and keep contact with the enemy. These companies were to clean out the Bois les Hautes Epines and Bois de Warville. From these companies were to be sent patrols through Bois le Vachere, Bois Vieux, and to la Berteaucourt Farm.

First Lt. Herman B. Gengenbach, with Company A, occupied Bois le Vachere about 10:00 p. m. A detail under Second Lt. Burl F. Hall, attempted to occupy Bois Vieux, but on account of wire entanglements and enemy resistance, was obliged to withdraw.

Second Lt. Patrick D. Cronin, with a detail of forty men, overcame enemy machine gun resistance in Bois de Warville, occupying same at 2:00 a. m. the 10th.

Enemy Information on Raids. It was observed during the operation of these various patrols and raids that in some instances the enemy made dispositions which led to belief that he had information in advance. A number of civilians were allowed to remain in town of St. Maurice, by order of higher authority, on some of whom suspicion was directed,

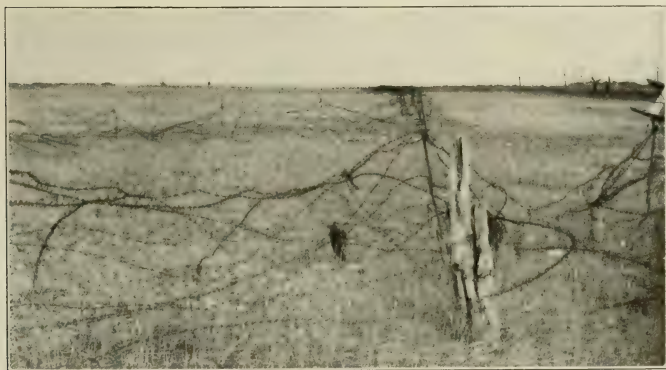


AEROPLANE VIEW BOIS DE WARVILLE AND BOIS LES HAUTES EPINES

although no proofs were forthcoming. In one instance our wire had been cut, one end drawn into a building, and was found with the insulation stripped back, indicating possible use.

Changes on Enemy Front. Following the signing of an armistice with Austria by the Allies, all Austrian troops were shortly thereafter withdrawn from the front. In the sector on our immediate front, they were replaced by Prussians, and a considerable change was noticed at once in the character of the resistance, as well as the efficiency of the troops. Prisoners did not come forward and give themselves up. Machine gunners were very active in occupying flanking positions and withdrawing promptly when threatened with envelopment. The N. C. O. of one machine gun company stated that he had observed our large patrols, one of which passed close to his nest in the dark, without being seen. He stated that when large patrols passed they kept perfectly quiet, afterwards made report of what they had seen. The group was afterwards captured by a night patrol, a member of which heard slight noise in the bushes and went over to investigate it. Localities that were occupied by numbers of machine guns were found deserted at other times. Evidently, their efforts were directed in making dispositions which would cut off a patrol. They apparently studied the routes usually taken. Once, at least, the enemy was in position on three sides of a patrol which retreated.

Bois de Harville. Inasmuch as our operations during the 10th and 11th of November, and until the cessation of hostilities, lay principally in this wood, a brief description is submitted. This wood lies between the towns of Jonville and Harville, through which towns the enemy trench line extends. The southwestern edge of this wood lies 600 meters north-



WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS AROUND BUTGNEVILLE



AEROPLANE VIEW OF BOIS DE HARVILLE



EDGE OF BOIS LES HAUTES EPINES LOOKING TOWARD BOIS DE HARVILLE

east from the northeast edge of the Bois de Warville. The wood is from 500 to 600 meters wide, extending northeast 1,700 meters, where it joins the Bois de Montelle. The Jonville-Harville road crosses the woods in the rear of the enemy trench line about 800 meters from the southwest edge. It was recognized early in the operations of November 10th that this wood was a veritable stronghold, occupied in force. A prisoner stated that it was held by a regiment of infantry. Penetration into the wood developed the fact that strong wire entanglements ran through in every direction, cleverly concealed by bushes and dominated by machine gun nests on the paths, as well as on platforms in the trees. Strong wire and machine gun nests on the outer edges made penetration by our patrols impossible.

First Attack on Bois de Harville. At 11:30 a. m., November 9th, warning orders were received from commanding general, Thirty-third Division, to prepare for an advance, and be ready to move out fully equipped when ordered. At 4:30 p. m. orders were received, making the following dispositions of the 132nd Infantry: Second battalion and machine gun company from Deuxnouds to St. Maurice, First battalion from Woimbey to Deuxnouds, balance of the regiment to be ready to move whenever ordered. At 9 a. m., November 10th, the commanding general, in Field Order No. 34, states:

“Reports received indicate that the enemy is withdrawing progressively on our front from west to east, leaving a shell to cover his departure. The Eighty-first Division is pushing forward on our left, the Twenty-eighth Division on our right and other divisions of the second army pushed forward at 7 a. m. today. The Thirty-third Division will carry out the mission laid down in ‘Conduct in case of withdrawal of the

enemy Annex No. 11 to Defense Scheme, Troyon-Chaillon Sector, dated Nov. 8, 1918. Movement will commence at once.' "

The commanding general, Sixty-sixth brigade, thereupon issued orders for a reconnaissance in force, object to seize a limited portion of the enemy's main line of defense, and to exploit any weakness shown to exist.

The following paragraphs of Regimental Field Order No. 49, issued the morning of November 10th, cover the general instructions governing the attack:

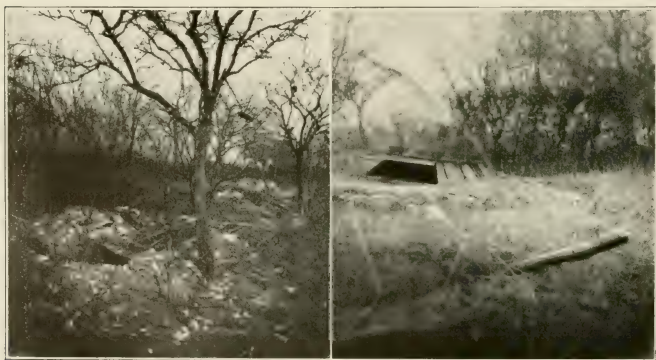
2. (a) The 131st Infantry regiment will raid on "D" day at "H" hour in the direction La Beuville. Mission: To clear Bois de Harville, to take prisoners and kill boche. Neighboring units will be requested to make a demonstration simultaneously to this action.

(b) Zone of action: West boundary point 52.2-53.3 west edge of Bois de Warville and Bois de Harville. East boundary: Doncourt, along Rau de Remonville to Bois les Hautes Epines to Cote 222, thence to south corner of Bois de Harville and along southeast edge of Bois de Harville to 54.8-55.5.

Objective: 54.5-55.9 to 54.8-55.6.

3. (a) The Second battalion, less one company, and Third battalion will assemble immediately and march to Doncourt, head of column at Doncourt, Doncourt-Woel road, where they will both come under command of Captain Walter H. Wagner, in charge of forward troops, and will be there at 5 a. m.

(b) One company of Second battalion, plus four machine guns, as per orders previously received, will proceed to St. Hilaire and occupy



LINE OF GERMAN DUGOUTS, BOIS LES
HAUTES EPINES

GERMAN PILL BOX NEAR ST. HILAIRE



LA BERTAUCOURT FARM, OBJECTIVE OF 1ST BN., NOV. 10TH

that town, placing machine guns in position in a general direction towards the enemy. They will support the action during the attack as it arises.

(c) Machine gun companies, now attached to Second and Third battalions, will assemble at their respective battalion headquarters and await further orders. The machine gun company of the First battalion, if not already assembled with two companies at Woel, will do so at once.

4. The 131st Infantry, minus First battalion, will attack with the Third battalion in front and Second battalion in support, with Company A, 124th machine gun battalion attached to Third battalion and Company B, 124th machine gun battalion attached to Second battalion.

(a) By "H" hour, minus 30 minutes, the attacking battalion (third battalion) will be in position in Bois de Warville, and the supporting Battalion (Second battalion) will be in position in Bois les Hautes Epines.

(b) At "H" hour, minus five minutes, the Third battalion will move up to within 300 yards of the rolling barrage, which will start on the southwestern edge of Bois de Harville.

(c) At "H" hour the barrage will move forward at the rate of 100 yards each five minutes.

Note.—Troops must not approach closer than 300 yards to the rolling barrage.

(d) Support battalion (Second battalion) will not move forward, except on orders of Pliable One. Its purpose will be to cover the flanks of the Third battalion.

(e) The attacking battalion, Third battalion, will clear up the territory as it proceeds, and upon reaching its objective and completing its

task, the Third battalion will withdraw to the main position of resistance, leaving one company at Doncourt.

(f) After the withdrawal of the Third battalion the Second battalion will withdraw, leaving one company in Bois de Warville and Bois les Hautes Epines, with one platoon of machine guns, one company in Wadonville and one company on main position of resistance.

(g) The two companies of the First battalion, under Captain Wilson, now clearing out the Bois les Hautes Epines, will join the supporting battalion (Second battalion) and come under the command of the commanding officer of forward troops.

5. Reports. Commanding officers of troops will send a constant stream of messengers, communicating progress and conditions of attack to this P. C. so that the same may be forwarded to general headquarters, through channels, as the reports of the raids being made and the number of prisoners taken with positions of same, is very important under the present peculiar conditions of affairs on our front.

6. Prisoners. Must be taken and forwarded to this P. C. constantly.

7. Signal officer will follow troops in this operation and maintain constant communication by means of buzzer phone and all other available means.

8. Equipment. Troops will be equipped with regulation battle dress, wire cutters (for two attacking companies), one to each four men, two hand grenades and 100 rounds of ammunition to each man. Two days' field rations will be carried.



FORWARD P. C. OF REGT. AT WOEL, NOV. 11



EDGE OF BOIS LES HAUTES EPINES AND BOIS DE WARVILLE. SHELL EXPLOSION

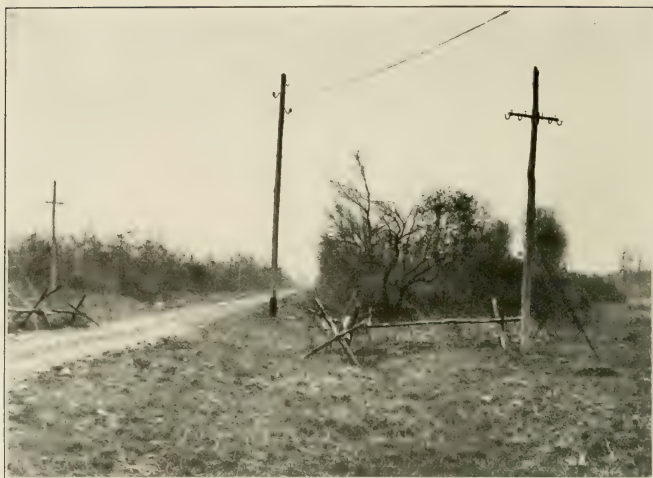
9. Administration details—unchanged. P. C.'s unchanged. Liaison plan unchanged.

10. Artillery. (Plan to follow.) Artillery will deliver rolling barrage from "H" hour, minus five minutes. A standing box barrage, 300 yards beyond objective line from 54.4-56.0 to 55.0-56.0, thence down meridian 56, to 54.8, from "H" hour to "H" hour, plus one hour. Interdiction and harassing fire will be made at following points from "H" hour to "H" hour, plus one hour and thirty minutes: Butgneville-Mulotte, Harville, Boise le Dame, Jonville and along southern edge of Bois Houlotte. Smoke at points (as per sketch), artillery preparation and standing barrage on Les Raffailes, Cûtre L'Eau, Berteaucourt Farm, from "H" hour minus five minutes, to "H" hour, plus one hour. Counter battery work under direction of artillery commander.

"D" Day November 10th, "H" hour 11 a. m.

Artillery Support. Artillery rolling barrage, interdiction and harassing fire was weak, especially barrage fire on the Bois de Harville, between 10 and 11 a. m. Officers who were in observation state that a few shells fell in the woods, but not in sufficient volume to destroy wire entanglements, or drive out enemy machine gun posts. Some officers reported no shelling on their front.

Attacking Force. The Third battalion was designated to make the



ROAD LEADING INTO BOIS LES HAUTES EPINES

attack with the Second battalion in support. Captain James C. Stockwell, commanding the battalion, made dispositions for the attack, but did not follow them up, sending the message that artillery support was necessary. In reply to inquiry as to when he would be ready to attack, he set the hour at 2 p. m., but did not advise as to disposition of his forces. After conference with brigade commander it was decided that in view of the situation more troops might be required, and at 11:45 a message was sent to Captain Walter H. Magner, commanding Second battalion, to take command of the Third battalion, and to attack at once, with authority to use the Second battalion, if needed. The Third battalion moved forward at 2:18 p. m., and was met by very heavy machine gun and artillery fire. At 3:15 it became necessary to send a company to the right for the protection of the flanks. Company H, Second battalion, under command of First Lieut. William E. Simpson, moved forward. As they neared the woods they suffered many casualties, Lieutenant Simpson being killed. The company was at once re-enforced and consolidated with Company G, First Lieut. Julian L. Douglas was placed in command of the combined force, gaining a position to the right of the battalion. With this aid the line moved forward, cleaning up the woods and driving the enemy beyond the Jonville-Harville road, penetrating and piercing the enemy line. Activity of friendly troops to the right and left of our sector of attack appeared to be lacking, no appreciable effect was observed.



AID POST 131ST INF. AT WOEL

Further advance was checked and rendered impossible by heavy fire encountered. Many machine guns were forward in position, others were enfilading the position from the right, and enemy shells were falling in increasing volume. An enemy detachment was observed approaching on the left from the direction of Butgneville, threatening that flank. Troops held on to the position, however, until about 6 p. m., at which time gas became so dense that further occupancy, either by our own or enemy troops, became impossible, and they withdrew to the northeast edge of the Bois de Warville.

Machine Guns. Company A, 124th machine gun battalion, was attached to attacking battalion, one platoon on the left flank to cover the advance, to take position as soon as troops entered the woods on the left edge, one platoon on the right to advance with and in rear of attacking infantry, to take position on the southeast edge of woods when objective was reached, one section each of the support platoon was sent to the right and left center of the woods. All guns were placed in depth. The right platoon withdrew with the infantry, the other platoons remained in position until 3 a. m., the 11th. About 3,000 rounds of ammunition were expended on advanced enemy strong points. Machine gun casualties, three privates slightly wounded by shell fire.

Company B, 124th machine gun battalion, sent forward one platoon with Companies G and H, Second battalion. When these companies went forward, supporting the right of the line, Lieut. Hill, commanding the platoon, reached a point nearly on the objective, taking position on the right of the infantry. Upon reconnoitering some of these positions,

Sergeant Ely, of the machine gun company, met and captured eleven prisoners single handed.

Assisting Attacks. The 110th Infantry on our immediate right, operating toward Jonville, in position with their left at the northwest corner of Haravillers Wood, was put in liaison with our line by sending to them First Lieut. William G. Sanger, Jr., and fifty other ranks.

At 11 a. m., November 10th, Company A, First Lieut. Herman B. Gengenbach commanding, made an attack from the edge of the Bois les Hautes Epines on La Berteaucourt Farm, which succeeded. At 3 p. m. a second attack was made. In the meantime enemy forces at that point had been re-enforced and, although accomplishing its mission, the company met with considerable resistance, losing one man killed and seven wounded. A machine gun, with abundance of ammunition, was captured, and afterwards used against the enemy.

About 6 p. m. the enemy was observed forming up in three waves in the La Vachere wood for attack. The formation was broken up and the enemy dispersed by machine gun, automatic rifle and rifle fire. During this time enemy barrage was put down on the company position and one man was killed.

No assisting actions developed on our immediate right or left during the day.

Plans for November 11th. It was the plan of the brigade commander, as expressed by him, to take advantage of the ground gained



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SOULLY WOODS, 131ST INF. HDQRS.

in the Bois de Harville, November 10th, the following morning; to advance the left of the Third battalion line, pivoting on the right, thence attacking southeast along the enemy trench line, take Dame Wood and advance inside the wire toward Jonville. At the same time the Second battalion was to make a secondary attack on the front. It was believed that this movement would result in the capture of Jonville and open a wide breach in the enemy's main line of resistance. In support of this movement attacks were to be made on La Berteaucourt Farm and Butgneville. The 132nd Infantry was ordered forward where it would be available if required.

For the purpose of neutralizing enemy efforts on the left protecting that flank and gaining vantage ground, from which supporting movement might be launched, Company F, 131st Infantry, with four machine guns attached, stationed at St. Hilaire, were specified by the general as the force which should make an early attack on Butgneville. At 6:15 p. m., November 10th, the following message was sent the company commander at St. Hilaire.

"At 5 a. m. tomorrow a heavy artillery destructive fire will be laid down on Butgneville, about one mile northeast of you. You will advance to town, and following the artillery shoot, take this town of Butgneville and hold same, using your entire force of the company and four machine

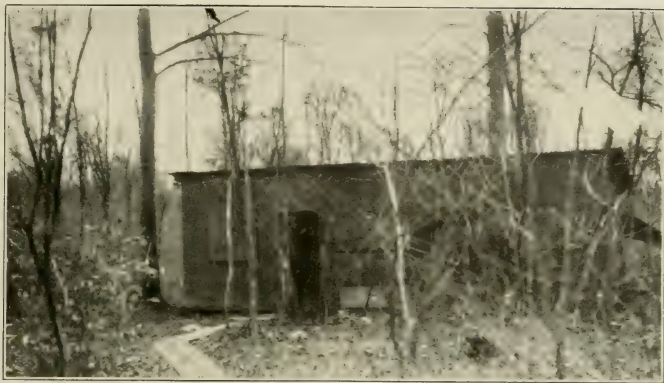
guns. Acknowledge receipt of this message and keep us advised hourly, or oftener, of your moves. Also have phone communication made with St. Hilaire and Woel tonight and have signal officer at Woel follow you in the attack with a wire."

Plan of the 65th Brigade. It was the plan of the 65th brigade, on our left, to also advance at 5 a. m., the 11th, push rapidly forward, covering the entire ground and occupying important points within the brigade zone of action, which included the town of Marcheville.

Attack on Butgneville. Company F, First Lieut. Carroll D. Schnepf commanding, with attached machine guns (two platoons, Company H, 132nd Infantry in reserve) left St. Hilaire at 5:20 a. m., the 11th, advancing northeast toward Butgneville. After crossing the Rau de Montru, the scouts drew enemy fire, and the first wave closed on the scout line and advanced. A number of flares were sent up by the enemy and machine gun fire increased. A trench mortar also opened fire on the advancing troops. Machine guns were placed on the flanks, and under their fire an advance was made until wire entanglements in front of the town, which were still intact, were reached. The right of the advance was held up by machine gun fire. As the left advanced it was also met by machine gun fire. Heavy rifle and machine gun fire came from the town. The company commander stated he was receiving no artillery support. The shell fire, which was supposed to be put on the town, fell short and did little, if any, damage. The machine gun officer states that the barrage never fell, and that the enemy outnumbered them. Six machine gun men were killed and five wounded. Infantry casualties: One officer wounded, three other ranks killed; twenty wounded. Troops returned to St. Hilaire at 9 a. m.

Attack on La Berteaucourt Farm. This attack was not started, due to the troops who were to carry it out being relieved by the 132nd Infantry.

Final Dispositions. Shortly after 4:00 o'clock the morning of November 11th the commanding officer of the 131st Infantry established his forward battle station at Woel, where the commanding general of the 66th Brigade arrived shortly after. Steps were at once taken to concentrate the 131st Infantry (less Company F and four machine guns at St. Hilaire) and Company C, which furnished the liaison detail to the 110th Infantry and other details for bringing up ammunition, etc. The 131st machine gun company reported at Woel during the night, November 9th-10th, and sent two guns to relieve the detachment of the 124th machine gun battalion, on duty with the liaison group, on the left of the 110th Infantry, remainder of the company being sent to Doncourt. No changes were made in the general plan of attack except to place progressive artillery fire on the Bois de Harville, northeast of, and



THE HOME OF COLONEL SANBORN DURING THE LAST DAYS OF THE WAR.
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along the Jonville-Harville Road, gradually moving forward and resting on the northeast edge of the woods in support of the advance, also continued fire along the northwest edge of the same wood.

Notice of Armistice. While the troops were being assembled in the Bois de Warville, at 8:30 a. m., telephone notice was received that the armistice had been signed, that all firing on our part was to cease at once except to repel counter-attacks, the information being conveyed to troops in position and re-enforcing battalions successively as they arrived. The enemy gradually ceased firing from the trenches and machine gun positions, but it was not until 11:00 o'clock sharp that a complete cessation was noticed. One machine gunner ran out into a position and shot at everybody in sight up to the last moment. Artillery fire with shrapnel also did not cease until a few minutes after eleven.

Faithful to their trust, true to their traditions, noble in their sacrifice, the men of Illinois were suffering, wounded and dying, when the curtain came down at the end of the great world tragedy.

Machine Guns. Full use appears to have been made of machine guns and automatic rifles. The men of the 124th machine gun battalion attached to the different battalions, did splendid work and suffered heavily. They went into position, which they believed untenable, without hesitation, and fought their way through without ever a thought of turning back. During the last hours they were in the fight many were completely worn out, still they fought on with no word of complaint or request for relief. Their fortitude under trying circumstances will ever remain an example worthy of emulation, meriting the highest praise from this regiment.

Trench Mortars and 37 Millimeter Guns. Although there appear to have been many opportunities for the use of these specialties during the engagement of the 10th and the morning of the 11th reports fail to record a single instance of their use. This may be due to the fact that battalion commanders were line captains not fully familiar with their employment. The only excuse appears to be they were afraid of drawing enemy artillery fire.

Artillery Support. Our artillery action was weak and ineffective, some light pieces well forward were badly needed, both for retaliation and counter-battery work.

Aero Activity. Enemy planes were not present in large numbers, but such as appeared were permitted to signal back without molestation.

Supply. Reserve ammunition was delivered promptly and in ample quantities. The problem of company delivery of rations caused no difficulty until the evening of November 9th, when the units took position on the Woevre plain. It became impossible to deliver rations until the evening of November 10th, when hot meals were supplied to all the units. Considerable hostile artillery fire was encountered, especially in the vicinity of Doncourt.

Signals and Liaison. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining sufficient wire, causing annoyance and delay in telephone operations. Mounted orderlies and runners were obliged to cover long distances between units resulting in slow delivery of messages. Fog and smoke rendered visual signalling impracticable.

Captures. Prisoners; November 8th, 1918—Officers, none; other ranks, nine. Total, 9.

November 10th, 1918—Officers, one; other ranks, sixty-one. Total, 62.

November 11th, 1918—Officers, none; other ranks, six. Total, 6.

Grand total—Officers, 1; other ranks, 77.

Material. November 8th, 1918—Light machine gun, No. 3527.

November 10th, 1918—Light machine gun, No. 2180.

After the armistice all of the organizations of the regiment, except Regimental Headquarters and a detachment of Headquarters Company, were consolidated at Hannonville, where they remained until the march of the provisional battalion to Metz, and when the regiment started for the German border. The Woevre plain, which lies in the northwest corner of the St. Mihiel salient, at the foot of the high plateau on which is situated the grand mountain forest, can be overlooked from the edge of that plateau for many miles in the direction of Metz. Before the war it was dotted over in every direction with little farm villages, the ruins of which may be counted from one spot to the number of over twenty. The villages at the foot of the rise on the edge of the plain were not so



WILHELM THE FIRST, DETHRONED AT METZ

badly shot up and for four years were occupied by German troops. In the hills they caused to be constructed vast dugouts with cemented walls and along the hillside they built fine homes for the officers, beautifully furnished from the spoils taken from the inhabitants of the villages below.

In the woods their narrow gauge railroads extended in every direction for the transportation of guns and supplies. Along these railways in sheltered spots were located hunting lodges and buildings for use of the higher officers, also beautifully furnished, and equipped with every luxury, including electric lights, running water and pianos. One of these was set aside as the special residence of General Von Hindenburg, whenever he was in the vicinity. Evidently it was their intention to permanently occupy that part of the country and attach it to the adjoining provinces of Alsace-Lorraine. When the Germans were pushed out of St. Mihiel salient all the villages in the area were left in filthy condition. After the armistice, troops marching through them, stopping for the night, added their pile of tin cans and refuse. Furniture, bedding, clothing and household articles were thrown out into the street in piles sometimes several feet deep. We were unfortunate enough to be stationed in some of these towns from November 11th until about December 6th, and were given the job of cleaning up. In our area alone the entire regiment worked for weeks before an impression was made and anything like order prevailed. One shipment of salvage alone amounted to 75 car loads and we buried and burned an incredible amount of filth

and rubbish. The old name of the "Illinois Improvement Association" followed us from Illinois into Texas over the seas and across France, and we earned the right to the title. About the first of December we were told that the formal occupation of the city of Metz would be celebrated on December 8th by collecting there the most famous of the fighting troops of France. The governor general asked that the American

Army be represented on that occasion. When advised that the choice had fallen on the 131st Infantry and that a picked battalion would be sent, the regiment was combed from end to end to furnish enough presentable uniforms to equip it. We finally succeeded in getting a fairly good lot of uniforms together, but it was no small task, and not to be wondered at when it is considered that the men of the regiment had been for almost two months marching, sleeping and living in their clothes in rain, mud and trenches, with hardly a day they could call their own.

The day came when General Bell inspected the outfit. They did not look perfect enough, under his critical eye, with the result that he got some new belts and other articles to help us out, so that finally, with some pressing and polishing, appearance was much better. The story of the review is told in the following bulletin:

Bulletin—Formal Occupation of Metz. Following the armistice of November 11th, 1918, German forces gradually withdrew from their former fronts and were followed closely by French, English and American troops.

The French occupied Alsace-Lorraine, placing a small force in the city of Metz. The formal occupation of these provinces was celebrated on the 8th of December by a review before the president of the republic in the Place de la Republique, in Metz, on which occasion were represented battalions of the famous fighting divisions of France, including infantry, cavalry, artillery, tanks and armored cars. The governor-general made a special request to the French government that American troops should be asked to participate, sending for that purpose a picked battalion from some fighting regiment, which has seen service with the French.

The 131st Infantry was selected to represent the American forces at Metz. A provisional battalion of 32 officers and 735 men were selected, who left their station December 4th, marching across the famous battlefields of Vionville, Mars la Tour and Gravolette, arriving in Longeville, a suburb of Metz, the afternoon of the 6th, where they were quartered in barracks, lately occupied by the vanishing German army. The forenoon of the 7th was spent in a practice of the review, presided over by the governor-general, and arranged by his staff. This was necessary on account of the limited space available for the movement of a vast



WILHELM 2ND ON FRONT OF CATHE-
DRAI, METZ

GEN. DE MAUD'HUY, GOVERNOR OF
METZ

body of troops requiring the most minute calculations to prevent blocking the exits or congestion on the plaza, which covered an area smaller than a city block in Chicago.

Metz is a very ancient city, having been founded before the Christian era. It was at various times in the possession of the Germans, Romans and French. The streets are narrow and crooked. The city is circumvallated by a moat built by Vauban, the celebrated French officer, who planned most of the old forts and defenses of France. In the center of the city is a magnificent old cathedral with many statues carved in stone representing the saints and kings of old. The face of one of these, a statue of the Prophet Daniel, was re-cut some years ago into a likeness of Kaiser Wilhelm II, over the front of which now hangs a placard with the inscription thereon, "Sic transit Gloria Mundi" (so passes the glory of earth). In the Plaza de la Republique was standing a heroic bronze statue of Kaiser Wilhelm I, now pulled down and lying flat on the ground. Facing the review space stands a bronze statue of Marshal Ney, represented as in action, bold in its execution and magnificent in its proportions.

Such troops as could be accommodated on three sides of the plaza and facing the review pavilion were packed in closely without intervals, without file closers; flags and standards in the front rank, and officers on the flanks of their organizations. Commanders of division only were mounted. French Infantry was formed in sections of ten files, single rank at two pace intervals. The American troops were allowed to form

by half companies in double ranks, with seven pace intervals, making nine companies of nine squads each. This formation made an imposing, compact body, easily maneuvered and impressive in appearance.

Passing in review, the following was the order of march:

Commanding Officer, 131st Infantry.

American Army Band.

Staff of 73rd French Division.

Battalion, 131st Infantry.

French Infantry.

French Cavalry.

French Artillery.

Tanks, armored cars, etc.

This review was held for sentimental reasons, in the square where the German emperor always held his reviews, whenever he visited the troops quartered in Metz. The Germans had constructed around the city barracks and cantonments to accommodate 50,000 soldiers.

Grouped in the front seats of the reviewing stand were the President of the Republic, M. Clemenceau, Marshal Joffre, Marshal Foch, Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, General Pershing, Marshal Petain and Lord Derby. Behind them was a gathering of noted generals and other distinguished men. On each side of the reviewing stand were smaller stands occupied by generals, prominent citizens, veterans of the war of '70 and '71, etc. On each side of the reviewing stand were grouped young girls in native costumes, and further, extending the entire length of the square, were civic societies, officers, etc.

The review was scheduled to commence at 9:20 a. m., but it was not until some minutes later when the booming of cannon announced the arrival of the President and reviewing party. Shortly afterward the President and party walked along the front of the troops, regiments in turn presenting arms and rendering the prescribed honors; next grouping themselves in front of the reviewing stand all of the division color-bearers marched forward with the national flags, forming in line, facing the President, who made a few remarks. He then called General Petain forward and invested him with the baton of a Marshal of France in recognition of his distinguished services during the war. The review followed, led by the American battalion, conspicuous in its uniform of olive drab, contrasting sharply with the blue-gray of the French. Proudly the Stars and Stripes waved in the breeze, on this historic occasion, proudly the American soldiers in perfect lines swept by, as the governor-general remarked, "Looking like the fighters that you are." After passing in review the American troops were massed beyond the Palace of Justice on an elevation overlooking the road, over which shortly after passed the

reviewing party and a long procession of automobiles, filled with officers and girls in native costume, all gayly decorated with garlands and flags.

The 8th of December will long be remembered by the liberated peoples of Alsace-Lorraine. For nearly fifty years they have lived under the oppression of German rule. They were subject to surveillance every moment of the day, compelled to speak the German language and to teach it in the schools. Their property was taken away from them with no pretense of just compensation. They were not allowed to observe their national holidays or celebrate national events. They were made to feel the iron heel of oppression at all times. When the relief came they were wild with joy. They decorated the city and their homes with long hidden flags and bunting. They brought out the treasured relics of the days which linked them with France and if there were any German sympathizers left, no outward evidence appeared. The night of the 8th there was some disturbance in the old city, windows were broken in a few German shops, but the situation was quickly taken in hand and quiet restored. Only troops on guard were allowed in the city, the afternoon of the 8th. As the American battalion left the morning of the 9th no opportunity was presented for sightseeing except while passing through a portion of the city on the way to the review.

While the French occupation of Metz was complete, time had not permitted the cleaning up of the city, for which reason American troops were, from necessity, assigned to barracks in Longevieu. These barracks



PARADE OF COLORS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE AT METZ



BATTALION STANDING AT EASE. REVIEW AT METZ

were as the Germans left them, stripped of everything of value, without light, heat or equipment.

The American troops conducted themselves splendidly and were in every way a credit to the cause and country they represented. The governor-general stated that their appearance, conduct and performance of duty merited the highest praise, that he was pleased and gratified.

On the morning of December 9th, the battalion started on its march of about fifty kilometers to catch up with the regiment, then on its way to Germany, which was accomplished the evening of the second day.

The commanding officer congratulates the officers and men on their appearance, conduct and performance of duty and extends his thanks to all concerned for their willing co-operation and assistance in making this occasion an unequalled success.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

December 7th. All units of the regiment stationed at Hannonville marched to Mars la Tour, where they billeted for the night. Indicated objective was the Leudenlange area in the Duchy of Luxembourg, southwest of the city of Luxenbourg. The march was continued on the 8th, First battalion, Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Company, machine gun company and supply company to Moineville; second battalion to Vallerey, and third battalion to Hatrize. Upon arrival in this area orders were received to continue the march on the 9th, units in same order as noted to Mancieulus, Mairy and Anoux. The following day (10th)

movement was made, third battalion to Mercy la Haut; second battalion to Boudrezy; first battalion and headquarters company to Serrouville, Regimental Headquarters, Supply Company and machine gun company to Mercy la Haut. At the latter point the provisional battalion rejoined the regiment marching from Metz. On the 11th, march was completed to the Ludenlange area with the third battalion billeted in Esch, all other units in Schiffflange. Again orders were received to push forward on the 12th to the Hesperange area, which was reached in the afternoon. Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Supply Company, in Siren, first and second battalions, Contern. Companies K and L and machine gun company, Weiler Zumturm, Companies I and M, Aspelt. By the time troops arrived in these billets and settled it was evident that rest was necessary. Marching for the previous six days was over muddy roads with almost continuous rain. A considerable number of men had become foot sore from wearing wet socks and not a few shoes had become unserviceable, a halt was therefore called until the 14th. The objective of the next move was across the Moselle river to the vicinity of Saarburg, Germany, on the Saar river. Staging points, Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Supply Company, machine gun company, Elnen, first battalion, Costingen; third battalion, Leningen; second battalion, Wormeldange, which points were reached that evening.



BRIDGE AT WORMELDANGE, LUX., OVER WHICH THE 131ST INFANTRY CROSSED
THE MOSELLE RIVER INTO GERMANY



DIVISION REVIEW BY GENERAL PERSHING, ETTELEBRUCK, APRIL 22, 1919

CHAPTER IX

OPERATIONS UNTIL FINAL MUSTER OUT OF THE REGIMENT

JUNE 6, 1919

IN GERMANY AND LUXEMBOURG—RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

The march to and occupation of a portion of the German Empire by the 131st Infantry was a case of "marched up the hill and then marched down again." At 8:30 a. m., December 15, 1918, regimental headquarters, with units which had staged at Ehnen left that town, following the road along the bank of the Moselle river as far as Wormeldange. At that point a substantial stone bridge crosses the Moselle river. The only indication of a boundary line was a sentinel box on the Luxembourg end of the bridge, before which was stationed a smartly dressed young soldier, one of the 150, more or less, composing the Luxembourg army. He made no comment, simply saluted; then, in common with a few other citizens who had gathered together on the streets, stood watching the American soldiers march past. With the band playing and the colors unfurled, the long lines of the regiment passed over and began



PRESENTATION OF BRITISH DECORATIONS AT LAROCLETTE, LUX., JAN. 20, 1919



GENERAL PERSHING DECORATING THE COLORS OF THE 131ST INFANTRY

the steep ascent winding around the hills to the top of a high plateau which lies between the rivers Moselle and Saar. The descent into the Saar valley was equally steep. When the leading elements of the column had reached a point about one-fourth the way down into the Saar valley, it was 12 o'clock noon; consequently, a halt for one hour was made for rest and feeding men and animals. During this period ample time was afforded to observe the careful conservation of space and material which has characterized German administration, and regarding which many articles have appeared in various magazines and journals published in the United States. What struck us forcibly was the care with which each little piece of ground in the valley was cultivated up to the edge of the next piece, or adjoining woods. On the sides of the terraced hills clustered miles of vineyards, carefully walled up to hold the scant earth in which the vines are planted, with stone steps reaching to each level and skillfully arranged drains to carry off surplus water. Here and there covered stone recesses were cut into the side hills, evidently shelters in which to store tools or grapes awaiting transportation to the wine presses in the valleys below. Here also was noted the first planting of American pine trees standing in rows like soldiers along the steep hillsides and over the ridges. These trees were about six or eight inches in diameter at the base, and planted quiet close together. Other forest groups were beech trees, evidently grown for lumber and fuel. Some of these latter were quite large, possibly 30 inches in diameter. All wooded areas were kept as clean as a city park, with no underbrush growing anywhere. Nowhere in these cultivated forest areas was noted any mixing of species, each tree stood in its own rank, always placed in long, regular rows, except where the conformation of the ground necessitated special arrangement.

The regiment marched through Saarburg, crossed the Saar River and was billeted in Beurig, Schoden, Serrig and Irsch on the opposite bank. Here we remained until the morning of December 17th. Although our stay in Germany was very short, during that brief time all were impressed with the difference of the reception of the soldiers, and the general demeanor of the people toward them, as compared with other localities. The German population, at least, in this particular locality, appeared to regard the Americans as friends. Orders were strict against fraternizing with the people, nevertheless, a great deal of friendly intercourse was noticed. Many German families had relatives living in the states. Frequently, they located soldiers who knew these friends and naturally became quite cordial. Next door to the room in which the headquarters mess was established lived an old lady who spoke English fluently. She had formerly lived for some years in one of the suburbs of Chicago. The meeting of Chicago soldiers to her was like finding old friends. She insisted upon doing something to show her friendship, which later materialized in the shape of a big apple pie, made by her and presented to the mess. Three of the officers of headquarters were billeted with the assistant burgomaster. His wife's brother is a wholesale florist in Chicago, with a big plant on the outskirts of the city. She volunteered to furnish breakfasts for the party and insisted that the wine supply at home should be shared with us. Everywhere these experiences were being repeated in one form or another. There was too much fraternizing, that was certain, but the American soldier is always ready to meet the vanquished on an amicable footing, and harbors no resentment. They cannot and will not extend their enmity to the women and the children. In other words, there is no race hatred such as prevails between the different European peoples, which their former rulers would have carried to extermination had they possessed the power. It was also noted



GENERAL PERSHING—PRESENTATION OF MEDALS 33RD DIV., LUXEMBOURG

Fig. 15



33RD DIV. REVIEWED BY GENERAL PERSHING. SALUTING THE COLORS OF THE 131ST INFANTRY

that the shop keepers did not raise their prices, as had been experienced nearly everywhere else. Chickens, eggs and vegetables appeared to be plentiful at reasonable prices. Rooms were cheerfully given up for the use of soldiers with many little things added which testified to their good will. On the other hand some French Colonial troops who were there at the same time, were forcing their way into homes, taking whatever they wanted without offering pay in exchange, killing chickens in the yards, and in many cases, deporting themselves in a manner which appeared to impress the natives that they came as conquerors to despoil. The attitude of both sides would indicate that the French and German can never live amicably together in the same vicinity. Race hatred has full possession of both peoples. We were further impressed with the fact that the ordinary people had never been enlightened as to the conduct of their armies in France, nor would they believe the stories of atrocities, cruelty and robbery with which they were confronted. Generally, their belief as expressed in words, confirmed the idea that whatever had been done by their armies and higher authorities was for the best interests of the Fatherland.

December 16th. Orders came to return to the Luxembourg side of the Moselle river, movement to commence at 8:30 a. m., the 17th. That afternoon all units of the 131st Infantry were out of Germany and disposed as follows: Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Supply Company and Machine Gun Company at Elnen, First battalion at Costingen, Second battalion at Wormeldange, Third battalion at Lenningen.

December 20th. Regimental headquarters, Headquarters Company, Supply Company, Second battalion headquarters and Companies E and F marched to Larochette (Fels), Companies G and H to Heffingen, Third battalion, to Fishbach, except Company K, which was sent to Schoos, machine gun company to Schoos. The First battalion was or-

dered to remain in the area they then occupied, from whence they were distributed December 22nd, as follows:

Battalion P. C. and Companies B and C (less one platoon) to Arlon, Belgium, to collect and guard German military property in dumps within that area. One platoon, Company B, to Oetrange, guarding railroad property; Company A, to Wecker to cover certain railroad bridges; Company D to Steinfort, to guard the steel works at that place and to prevent removal of machinery, etc. Further distribution became necessary, due to insufficient billet space. Companies I and K were sent to Godbrange, December 28th; later Company I moved to Heffingen, Company K, to Nommern; one platoon to Wasserbillig.

1919. Location of all units was as follows:

January 25. Regimental headquarters, Headquarters Company, Supply Company, Larochette (Fels).

First battalion headquarters and Company A, Wecker.

One platoon, Manternach.

Ten men (guard) Betzdorf.

One platoon, Berbourg.

Company B, Wecker.

One platoon, Wasserbillig.

One platoon, Mertret.

Company C, Oetrange.

Company D, Steinfort.

Second battalion headquarters and Companies E and F, Larochette.

Companies G and H, Medernach.

Third battalion headquarters, Companies L and M, Fishbach.

Company I, Heffingen.

Company K, Nommern.



EMBUSSING IN LUXEMBOURG FOR THE RAILHEAD



LEAVING LUXEMBOURG

Machine Gun Company, Schoos.

February 22. Company F, moved to Reuland.

February 24. Company B, Wasserbillig.

Company C, Gravenmacher.

The ushering in of the new year marked the beginning of another intensive training program, which lasted until March 1st, at which time some modifications were adopted, taking on school work and athletic games in the afternoon. Once each week some terrain exercise was studied and carried out by division, brigade or regiment. These exercises, consisting of certain groups with flags representing organizations taking part, were supervised by umpires and orders were issued in detail covering the entire operation. Following the exercise a critique was held at some central point. Schools were organized for officers and non-commissioned officers in the provisional drill regulations, for soldiers in elementary English, Reading French, Spanish, Arithmetic, Civics, U. S. History, Geography, Higher Mathematics, European History, Business, Economics, Science, Engineering and Agriculture. Large numbers of officers and men were sent to different European universities to take special courses. Major Haines, who was sent to the corps school of musketry, was placed in charge of field firing, principally by platoons, the work consisting of range estimation, target designations, fire distribution, application of fire, communications and signals, cover, conduct of fire duties, visual training and fire discipline. All animal transportation of the division was put on a competitive basis, followed by eliminative horse shows by regiments, brigades, division and corps, with appropriate

prizes for winners. These horse shows attracted large crowds of both soldiers and natives, especially when they were held in the larger cities.

Two hours daily were devoted to athletics, also on a competitive basis, the winners in boxing, wrestling, football, baseball, track and field events, etc., finally competing for the championship of the A. E. F.

These various activities not only kept the men busy all the time, but imbued them with the spirit of competition, the will to strive that the other fellow did not win out unless he was the best man. Some few who came to the regiment from the draft were unable to read or write. In a short time they were writing letters home and before long commenced to have a better opinion of themselves. Not all profited by the athletic or educational features, but the majority did, and there is no doubt whatever that a considerable proportion of the men will be better fitted on their return home to take up the activities of civil life.

The 131st Infantry was stationed in Luxembourg much longer than in any other one place during its tour of duty in Europe, therefore a brief sketch of conditions as we saw them is given :

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, lying immediately south of Holland and Belgium, formed a small neutral state between northern France and Germany. Its treaty of neutrality was considered by Germany in the same light as that of Belgium, a mere scrap of paper. Unlike Belgium, however, the ruling power of Luxembourg, both pro-German and without strength to resist, consented to German occupation. The inhabitants, as



THE TRANSPORT KAISERIN AUGUSTA VICTORIA ABOUT TO DOCK WITH THE
RETURNED 131ST INFANTRY



GOVERNOR LOWDEN'S RECEPTION COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK HARBOR

a rule, speak German, the educated classes both French and German. The general sentiment of the people appears to be pro-German. All parts of the territory were occupied, the cities crowded with reserve troops. Steel mills and other industrial plants manufactured shells and other munitions of war for the Germans. Thus the people profited greatly by their acquiescence in the German demands and made a lot of money out of the war. True, a considerable proportion of these plants were already owned, if not fully, in part by Germans, controlled from Germany and title has not changed, probably, no effort will ever be made to make changes in ownership. The people themselves have lapsed into a state of satisfied affluence and contented existence. The country is not over populated and poverty appears to be rare. Enough is grown on the highly cultivated fields to furnish all the food required, with some to spare. They are thrifty, like the French, taking quick advantage of the gullibility of strangers, without scruples, when it comes to the accumulation of easy money.

The settlement of the country dates from very ancient times. It was successively occupied and fought over by the Germans, the Romans and the Franks. The roads which are always kept in fine repair were originally built by the Romans.

Our men, billeted around in the various towns, usually lived with the inhabitants, occupying the spare rooms of the houses. They slept under big feather ticks, furnished by the Luxembourg housewives, warmed

their food on the kitchen stoves, spoke a little German and became a part of the family.

Occasionally there was some trouble when the people traded their fiery schnapps for Uncle Sam's money, but the placing of that particular cafe out of bounds for a time generally brought them around to a realization of the fact that they were losing money by the operation in the long run. While out of bounds they were losing the profit they might otherwise have been making from the sale of light wine and beer.

New changes were made in troop locations after January 25th. February 22nd, Company F moved to Reuland; February 24th Company B moved to Wasserbillig, and Company C to Grevenmacher. April 8th Company B was billeted in Manternach and Wecker, and Company A was billeted in Menternach and Betzdorf. April 10th Company A moved to Grevenmacher.

April 22nd. The entire Division assembled at 1 p. m. on a level piece of ground between Diekirch and Ettelbruck, and at 2 p. m. General John J. Pershing, commander in chief of American Expeditionary Forces in France, presented to various officers and other ranks entitled to the same, the American decorations won during the war. The colors of the different regiments were also decorated with streamers.

There was also present General Bethel, of the British army, who presented two medals to members of the 131st Infantry, Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium, the Honorable the Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, and several members of Congress.



GOVERNOR LOWDEN ADDRESSING THE REGIMENT AT CAMP MILLS



COL. DAVIS

COL. SANBORN

GEN. DICKSON GOV. LOWDEN

April 23rd. Orders were received advising that the 33d Division would move to Brest, France, port of embarkation, for return to the United States. The movement of the 131st Infantry by trains was from Mersch, Luxembourg, as follows: 1st Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 30 men, Headquarters Co., April 27th; 3rd Battalion, Machine Gun Co., April 28; Regimental Headquarters, Medical Detachment, Supply Co. and Headquarters Co., April 29. Last trains completing the movement arrived in Brest, May 3rd. The journey was not particularly pleasant, the men were in freight cars, the officers in French compartment cars, the former without seats, the latter with seats, but no cushions; all without lights or heat. Time on the road averaged about 80 hours. No one seemed to mind the hardship, however, as they were traveling towards home.

In Brest men were examined, bathed and de-loused. Their papers were checked over; embarkation lists made and every one from the commanding general down did everything within their power to expedite matters and make it pleasant for the returning soldiers. Nearly a year had elapsed since the first arrival of the regiment in Brest. A vast change had taken place in the meantime. The old barracks, previously occupied, were no longer used, except for warehouses, etc. Troops were quartered in new frame barracks and tents, stretching over a large area, forming a camp, the capacity of which aggregated 75,000 men. There were large buildings devoted to amusements, canteens and offices, also rest houses for officers, conducted by the Red Cross. The camp was a model of efficiency and comfort.

Two presentations of decorations were held in Brest, one at 10 a. m., the other at 3:30 p. m., May 7th. The first presentation was made by General Bell and included awards of Distinguished Service Medals, awards of Distinguished Service cross, awards of Croix de Guerre (French), awards of Belgium Decoration Militaire and awards of Belgium Croix de Guerre. The second presentation was made by Admiral Moreau, chief admiral of the French navy, and conferred the Legion of Honor and other French decorations and was followed by a reception at the Hotel Continental.

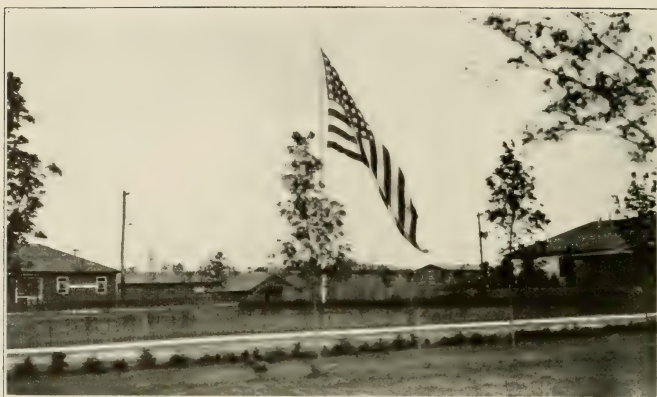
Due to delay in returning troop ships from the United States orders were not issued for the embarkation of the regiment until May 12th. The various units were ordered to be at the docks at 9 a. m.; loading was completed shortly after noon, May 14th; sailed at 5:23 p. m., same date.

The Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, on which the regiment sailed, was taken over from the Germans, after having laid unused in the docks for upwards of four years. One previous trip had been made to New York with a small number of passengers. Various repairs were made at that time, but the ship had not been cleaned or thoroughly overhauled and was in bad shape. The first three days were spent in cleaning up, after which a large detail was kept on duty from early morning until 10 p. m., sweeping decks, picking up paper, matches, etc., and in a general way maintaining a state of cleanliness on board. Fortunately the weather was fair and very few were sick. There were on board ship in addition to the 131st Infantry, the 66th Brigade Headquarters, 25th Engineers, 108th Field Signal Battalion, 177 nurses, 74 war brides and other women, casuals, also about 250 casual officers. Total list of passengers aggregated 5,500.

Ship docked at Long Island City about 9:30 a. m. May 23rd. Upon debarkation men were given a cup of hot coffee with lunch, after which they boarded Long Island railway trains and were sent to Camp Mills.



THE BREAKING UP OF THE 131ST INFANTRY AT CAMP MILLS. COL. SANBORN ADDRESSING THE FIRST CONTINGENT TO BE SEPARATED FROM THE REGIMENT



VIEW AT CAMP MILLS, NEW YORK

The following day lists were prepared, showing the names of men who were to be sent to other camps throughout the United States for discharge. Camps so designated were located at points nearest the soldiers' homes.

The men who were sent to camps other than Camp Grant were, as a rule, originally sent to the regiment in France as replacements. They took the places of men who were killed, wounded, and sent to hospitals. When they arrived and were assigned to the regiment they were attached to the different units, a few in each company or platoon. By this arrangement they came in immediate contact with the older men of the organization; lived with them and shared all their hardships and pleasures. The result was they soon became imbued with the spirit of the organization. When they left for their own homes there were many sad partings and everyone felt that the friendships formed during many months of privation and danger, were friendships which would never be forgotten.

Saturday, May 24th, his Excellency Frank O. Lowden, governor of the state of Illinois, made a flying visit to the camp, and addressing the assembled regiment, expressed his appreciation of the services it had rendered and the glory it had brought to the state. The governor on this occasion must have realized once again that his old regiment still remembered him with deep affection.

The regiment left Camp Mills for Camp Grant May 31st, reduced to 86 officers and 1,929 men. Transportation was in four train sections, leaving at 7, 8, 9 and 10 o'clock a. m. Destination, Chicago.



131ST INFANTRY WOUNDED IN THE HOME COMING PARADE

June 2nd. During the early morning hours all trains bearing members of the regiment had arrived in the various depots, where each detachment was met by an officer representing the committee of arrangements, and directed to march to Grant Park on the lake front, where the entire regiment was to assemble preparatory to the grand parade and review scheduled to start at 11 a. m. In Grant Park thousands of relatives of the officers and men had gathered and it was with difficulty that the lines were established. However, a start was made on schedule time. The regiment swung into column of platoons at Park Row, marching north on Michigan boulevard to Randolph street, thence through the business portion of the city, returning to Grant Park, where arms were stacked, after which officers and men were given a fine dinner at the Congress hotel.

The parade started with Maj. Gen. Bell leading, and was composed of the following units in the order named:

- Headquarters 66th Infantry Brigade.
- 131st Infantry.
- 129th Infantry.
- 108th Train Headquarters and Military Police.
- 108th Ammunition Train.
- 108th Supply Train.

A stand was located near Congress street, from which Governor Lowden, Major General Bell and other distinguished citizens reviewed the troops. Another stand, occupied by the Mayor and city officials, was located at the Public Library, near Randolph street. A large stand for spectators, occupied by the friends of the regiment, was placed immediately south of Park Row on Grant Park and another near the review-



ON MICHIGAN BOULEVARD JUNE 2ND

ing stand. The enthusiasm evidenced on this occasion probably surpassed anything ever experienced before in Chicago.

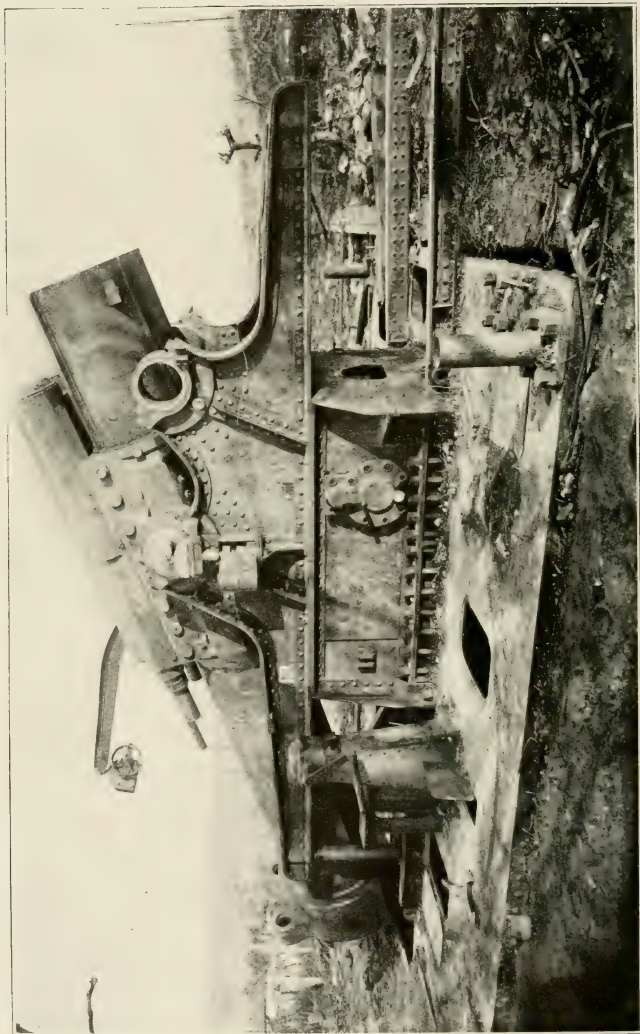
The various troop trains bearing the soldiers on to Camp Grant commenced leaving at 3:30 p. m., following at fifteen-minute intervals. Movement was fully completed about 3 a. m., June 3rd.

MEN OF THE 131ST INFANTRY PASSING THROUGH THE DISCHARGE MILL AT
CAMP GRANT

During June 4th and 5th all of the regiment, except a small detail and certain officers, who took advantage of a 15-days' leave, were mustered out of the service. June 6th, at 4 p. m., with all papers cleared the Regimental Commander received his discharge and the 131st Infantry passed into history.



THE HOME OF THE REGIMENT—CHICAGO



GERMAN 38 CENTIMETER GUN CAPTURED AT DANNEVOIX

CHAPTER X

NARRATIVES OF COMPANY M, MACHINE GUN COMPANY, MEDICAL
DETACHMENT, CAPT. HERMAN H. WEIMER, CAPT. C. M. GALE, LIEUT.
FRED. L. RINKLIFF, LIEUT. H. C. DE BRUYN, LIEUT. SAMUEL C.
DAVIS, LIEUT. FRANK C. TILLSON, LIEUT. RAYMOND F.
FIEDLER, LIEUT. FRANK C. ALBRIGHT, LIEUT. WILLIAM
CARY SANGER, JR., LIEUT. HOWARD H. WILLIAMS,
SGT. WALTER D. CORNING AND CPL. A. O. TORSET

NARRATIVE OF COMPANY M

The chronology of events participated in, and the part borne by "M" Company must begin from that time when, with training completed at Camp Logan, it set out towards the accomplishment of its task. Entrained during the forenoon of May 8th the journey commenced. We traveled north during the early hours of the 10th. We rolled quietly into Chicago. Though we had come within the comforting embrace of our home city, we were permitted to remain there but a short time. Our halt served as a reward to those relatives and friends, who, having by some means learned of our departure from Logan, were on hand to greet us. They had waited throughout the night.

Before daybreak our train was moving eastward. The following afternoon we paraded in the city of Cleveland. The policy of detraining and making a short march, once daily, was carried out as an exercise. While this permitted us to be observed, it also afforded us an opportunity to note the sentiment of the people. We were impressed with the consciousness that a martial determination and purpose encompassed all, the soldier on parade and the civilian looking on. Enthusiasm led some to cheer but more viewed us in silence. Occasionally as our train passed, a woman would be seen waving an apron from the door of a home where a Service flag graced the window.

We traveled over the Lehigh Valley Railroad. This course took us through the picturesque valleys of Pennsylvania. High in the hills, we alighted at the very pretty town of Wilkes-Barre. We were marched from the town to a park, where rifles were stacked and the men permitted to fall out. After our rather wearisome train ride, the ecstasy of stretching out for a rest on the cool greensward, can be less accurately described than imagined.

Quite early on the morning of May 13th we arrived at Jersey City, the first lap of journey nearly over. About 10 o'clock we were in Camp Upton. Our stay at this camp was of eight days' duration.

We had been in barracks not more than an hour when the company was formed, and with the battalion, heard an inspiring address by Governor F. O. Lowden. We were enjoined on closing with the enemy to deliver that sturdy punch expected of sons of Illinois. This admonition we ever attempted to carry out. Some parts of our overseas equipment were issued here, among them the steel helmet.

About 2:30 a. m., May 21st, we left Camp Upton for Hoboken. The train on which we traveled was unlighted in order to attract little notice. From the train we boarded a ferry, which conveyed us to the pier at Hoboken, arriving at 7 a. m. Here the large U. S. S. *Leviathan* was waiting; on the pier we were given benevolent attention by the American Red Cross, being served hot coffee and buns.

Soon the order to go aboard was given, and in single file, the company passed up the gang plank. By 10 o'clock we were all on the ship. For the remainder of that day, and the forenoon of the next we watched other troops coming aboard, seemingly a never broken chain; among them a party of nurses.

May 22nd the *Leviathan* put out. Though we were all below deck with the port-holes closed we were aware of it from the tremor through the ship. Having cleared the harbor we were allowed on deck. The sky was overcast. No one showed sign of dejection, but perhaps it is not too much to say that all were inclined to seriously regard the future. Gradually the land faded from view and last of all the Statue of Liberty had sank into the horizon.

Our ocean voyage, with the exception of the last day, was without event. Our time for the most part was spent on deck; the weather was clear. Every evening we enjoyed entertainment of some sort, motion pictures, minstrels, or the like. Each day at 11 o'clock we had "Abandon Ship" drill. This was to familiarize us with the most expedient manner in which to quit the ship, in case we were torpedoed.

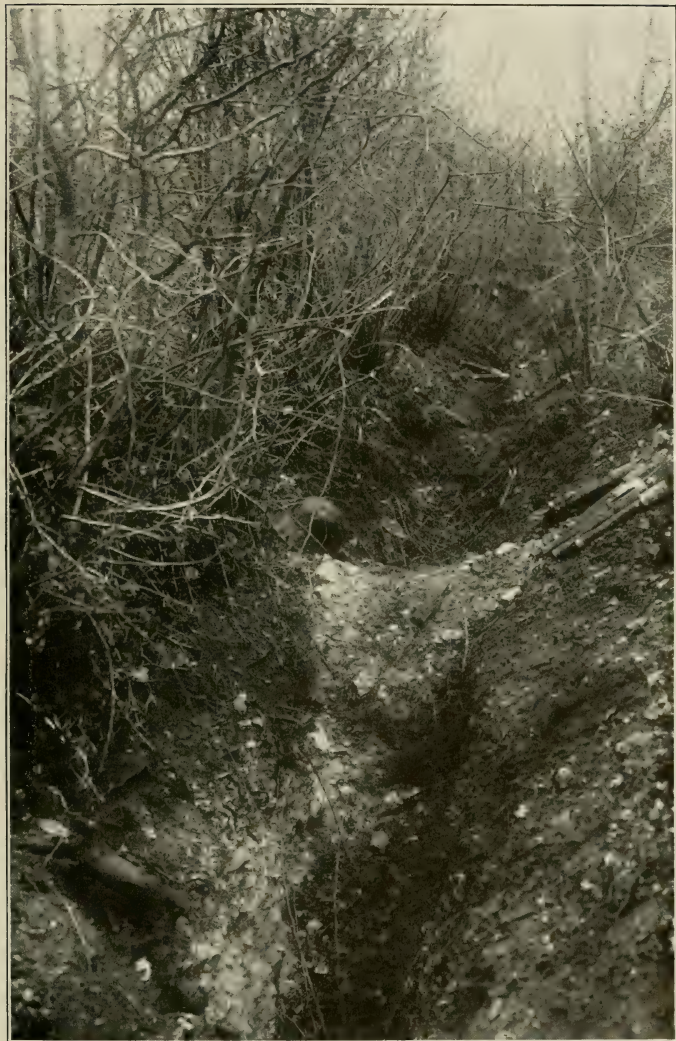
We were aboard for eight days. On the last day the German submarines made a determined, though unsuccessful attempt to get in their work. As they came into view, our ship opened fire and our convoy which had joined us on the previous day drew up in battle formation, about forty shots were fired by American craft. It was rumored that three submarines were accounted for, two sunk, and one captured. The spirit and conduct of the men could not escape notice. Their enthusiasm was such that they adopted the ball-ground practice of "rooting" for our gunners. As each shot was fired a lusty cheer went up.

We made the port in safety, debarked at 5 o'clock, May 30th, and at once set out for Camp Shelby, some four miles distant from Brest. Along the way we had our first acquaintance with French people and our first glimpse at French scenery. Reaching camp at 9:30 p. m. we occupied barracks which had been erected long ago to quarter Napoleon's legions. We rested for three days.

On the second day of June we again boarded the train for "Somewhere in France." Traveling for two days on a French train brought us to the small city of Oisemont, where we were met by a Scottish band and escorted to a resting place on the outskirts of the town, where we ate lunch and rested for a short time. Then we marched a few miles to the village of Frucourt and for the first time entered billets. A billet in France more often than not meant simply a barn in which troops were sheltered, though it might be any building serving this purpose. Frucourt was situated some thirty miles behind the lines.

We remained here from June 4th until the tenth, the time being largely given up to usual camp duties supplemented by some preliminary instruction on Lee Enfield rifle, this being the weapon used by the British with such telling effect. Compared to our "Springfield" this rifle impressed us as a rather homely piece. It was, however, essentially a war creation and owed its existence less to its appearance than to its business ability.

We had heard much in the United States and since landing of the excitement of aerial encounters and the havoc wrought by Jerry's persistent bombing—on a forenoon while in Frucourt we first witnessed such an engagement.



GERMAN TRENCH IN THE BOIS NATCHET

The tenth of June found us again on the march in quest of a more suitable training area. We slept that night in the small town of Le Plouey. This town was occupied in part by a detachment of Italy's fighting men. Their uniforms seemed a bit more gorgeous than we were accustomed to. Stars and other insignia were profusely scattered over the collar of the tunic.

The soldiers have a hiking song which deals with the fatigue of a march something to the effect that it is not the pack you carry on your back that counts, but it is the last long mile. The last mile to Melleville, whither we were bound, was up a hill, it required on the part of each man considerable mental persuasion to put us up there. Still all succeeded and quite soon were billeted in the town.

During our eight days at this place we were given attention by British instructors, officers and N. C. O.'s. Gas masks were issued and considerable time given to lectures and demonstrations regarding their use. We were marched out one evening and took a position on the side of a hill. Below us in the valley the British staged various phases of trench warfare, dealing mostly with the principle of the gas attack and the smoke screen. A miniature cloud gas attack was demonstrated as well as the firing of various forms of gas projectiles.

On the morning of June 21st we marched four miles, where we loaded on British conveyances, and were transported to Pierregot, arriving at 4 p. m.

Those particular lorries on which we traveled were of the double deck variety. They had done duty during peace times as omnibusses in London and other large centers in England. The top-deck was gained by means of a winding stairs at the rear.

Having pitched "pup" tents in an orchard we made ourselves as comfortable as circumstances would permit. We were now located some twelve miles behind the British front, in the Albert-Amiens sector. We were in the zone of possible gas attack. Here the continuous rumble and roar of British artillery in action reminded us that we were close to the scene of operations.

Our training consisted largely of open order work. Under the supervision of British instructors we took up formations and tactics such as would be required in actual battle. On the eve of June 23rd we moved out of Pierregot and for a period of twenty-four hours occupied reserve trenches in the vicinity of Contay. From our location we could see very distinctly the flashes of the artillery. Before us the sky was illuminated with the variety of flares and signals for which Jerry is famous. Their significance meant little to us beyond that of a grand display.

While in Pierregot we spent the night of June 27th digging trenches. We dug from eight at night until four in the morning of June 28th. This trench was later designated as "The Illinois Trench." The construction of it was carried on to the accompaniment of German aeroplanes buzzing overhead.

Occasionally the machine came within the glare of our searchlights which were sweeping the heavens. Then anti-aircraft guns would open fire. This trench system was designed to enable the British to effectively give ground in case of a determined German advance.

On the evening of June 29th we again occupied the same system of reserve trenches as before, but at a different sector.

This brings us to the bright Sunday afternoon of June 30th. At this time a battalion was made up to take part in operations of July 4th with the Australians "M" Company, required to furnish a detail of 34 men, called for volunteers.

This was the first occasion on which any of our men had stood shoulder to shoulder and ready for battle with those husky overseas warriors of Great Britain, the Aus

tralian. Regarding their fame and the friendship which quickly sprang up between the fighters of the two allied nations much might be said.

It would seem to have been first intended that our men should go over the top on July 4th, but our men, except in a few isolated cases, did not go over. They were, however, within the battle area and engaged in battle activities. "M" Company sustained two casualties, one fatal, Private Harold Boswell, Private James Barrowman was seriously wounded.

In Pierregot all was not as serene as it might have been. The boche inaugurated a practice of paying us nocturnal aerial visits. The company had been previously instructed to dig in for protection from bombs. With "M" Company on guard we had an experience on the night of June 30th that brought home to us very forcibly the necessity of complying with this to the letter. Jerry made an effective raid and dropped several bombs in our midst which resulted in casualties. These were our first casualties and the first in the regiment.

It was at Pierregot that we encountered for the first time the much discussed ally of the Boche, "The Cootie." It is said of him that he differs from the louse inasmuch as he has military training. Be this as it may we were soon convinced that he was quite capable of making himself thoroughly at home. In spite of the fact that we succeeded in harassing him continually, and ofttimes rendered his situation precarious, we doubt our being entirely beyond his reach until after the armistice. Neither are we confident that he ceased operations promptly at eleven o'clock on that memorable day.

Our next step in the war was taken on July 23rd. Loading on lorries at five p. m., we were conveyed to Warloy, a small town very near the line, arriving in the evening. At eight o'clock we moved out and were on our way to the front line. We were to reinforce the British troops, this constituting our first exploit as a company. As we neared the trenches Captain Melvin W. Bridges was wounded and sent to the rear, the command of the company being taken by First Lieutenant James C. Stockwell.

By eleven p. m. we were in position with the British, two platoons in the front line and two in the reserve. We were holding the front line known as "The Hairpin Sector," just to the left of the city of Albert, which was at that time in possession of the Hun. The territory hereabouts had been the scene of much bitter fighting and showed the scars of war. On our immediate left the front lines of the contending forces were separated by the short distance of forty yards. An approach trench of former days connected the two. Of course it was banked up, Jerry held one end and we had stationed an automatic rifle squad at ours.

On the morning of July 25th we found how exciting trench warfare could become. The British, on our right, had planned a raid into Albert, for the purpose of securing prisoners. With a roar the barrage opened. Intermingled with crash of exploding shells was the rattle of machine guns. Under cover of a smoke screen the British went over. From the German lines flares and signals went up and soon, added to the previous din, was Jerry's reply, his shells exploding in our vicinity. He swept our parapet with machine gun fire. Fortunately our protection was such that we sustained no casualties. Relieved on the night of July 25th we were returned by lorries to Pierregot.

On August 1st, at 3 p. m., our battalion was ordered to relieve a British battalion before Albert. Company M was assigned to the front line. On the way to the trenches and after entering them we were heavily bombarded. We were in position at 1:30 a. m. We occupied this position until August 6th, when we were again



RUINS OF CUMIERES

relieved by the British. On leaving the lines we once more came in for attention on the part of Jerry's artillery. There were two accidental casualties.

Officers call sounded at one o'clock p. m., August 8th. For some reason the men instinctively felt that momentous events were impending. They were not deceived. We were ordered to make up light packs, and be in readiness to move out in one hour's time. Just after evening mess the battalion was formed and began the march towards an unknown destination. Starting southeast from Pierregot and continually moving forward we came at 11 o'clock to the evacuated town of Franvillers. A rest here, though short, caused us to be much refreshed. Leaving, we moved on, passing through the town of Heilly. Some distance beyond this on a gradual incline we viewed, for the first time, some of the havoc of battle. Reaching the crest of the ridge we halted and rested. We moved forward and swerving westward went through what remained of Sailly le Sec. Our first and second battalions which preceded us by one day were resting there. About 10 o'clock we turned into a sheltered valley where a battery of British howitzers was posted.

Being aroused at three o'clock we lightened our packs to the extent of removing the slickers and repossessed ourselves of our Lewis rifles. Moving forward at 3:30 we were to be at a road junction at four o'clock to receive ammunition. After passing through Sailly le Sec we came to and traversed Sailly Laurette. This town was demolished and debris of war strewn about; a few dead Germans being in evidence. At five o'clock we were ordered to reinforce the second battalion.

Company M fell out to the right of the road, on marshy ground, bordering the Somme canal. Here, for the first time, we were a part of and witnessed a battle in progress. Over our heads swept the protecting barrage. On our immediate right German shells were exploding in the Somme canal. Before us, though, screened from view by Malard Wood, lay Chipilly Ridge. This area was being deluged by German artillery and raked by machine gun fire. We could see a part of our second battalion leave the cover of the wood and start over the top. This was about 5:30 p. m. Prisoners and our wounded were soon passing, going to the rear.

We spent the night of August 9th in this location. About 6 o'clock on the morning of August 10th we moved to Malard Wood and halted in the valley beyond.

It was here that Company M was ordered to reinforce and then relieve Company G. Our company, led by Lieutenant Stockwell, moved up. About 10 o'clock, following the Bray road in an easterly direction, we crossed the area over which the battle had been fought the afternoon before.

While on this road Jerry began shelling, which caused us to take shelter in a shallow ditch by the wayside. This bombardment progressed intermittently for several hours, resulting in few minor casualties. From this shallow ditch the third and fourth platoons moved on and to the left a distance of about 800 yards. This brought them to Company G's position in advance of Gressaire Wood. The German artillery continued to shell the woods in the rear. At the same time our platoons were subjected to harassing fire from machine guns, apparently coming from the vicinity of an abandoned tank on our front. Corporal Seth J. Halper, with an automatic rifle squad of the fourth platoon, was ordered to advance to the tank and deal with the enemy gunners. Enemy fire was such that this mission could not be successfully carried out. All but one of the squad were wounded in the attempt, Corporal Halper and Private Butch fatally. Further to the left an enemy strong point was giving trouble and retarding the 9th Londons in reaching their position on our left. To cope with this situation a patrol, led by Lieutenants Beauvais and Fitzpatrick, set out. Crawling forward from one shell hole to another they reached a location from where they opened a deadly fire and accounted for the German nest. This permitted the British to reach their location. The conduct of the following men was so conspicuously praiseworthy they were given honorable mention on behalf of the British army: Privates Daniel S. Flagg, William R. Bresin, Stanislaus Budreckis, Arley R. Eakin and Dwight B. Leonard. These men were the proud recipients of the first laurels awarded the company. While directing the fire on the enemy at this time and encouraging the advance of the men Corporal Grist fell mortally wounded.

In the meantime, the first and second platoons moved to the right and took up a support position in rear of Gressaire Wood. From this position a small patrol led by Lawrence Westerman, proceeded to the right on the night of August 10th, for the purpose of reconnoitering a new position to be taken up by the company, and the route by which it could be most readily reached. Entering the woods, they were subjected to severe shelling. Private Wargula was instantly killed and Lieutenant Westerman seriously injured.

Early on the morning of August 11th the third and fourth platoons being relieved, joined the remainder of the company. From here, at about four a. m., the company moved through the woods in a southerly direction, taking up a position on the top of a ridge overlooking the Somme canal. Here a severe gas shelling resulted in something over thirty gas casualties. A working party on the night of August 15th, was particularly unfortunate in this respect. While on this ridge the company took its first prisoners, these, two in number, falling to the lot of Private Edward Herter.

On August 17th, the first, third and fourth platoons moving through Eitnehem, advanced to a position on a hill overlooking the town of Bray. The second platoon crossing the Somme took a position further to the right, being heavily shelled in so doing.

Acts requiring gallantry and determination had been numerous performed. Because of enemy fire extreme difficulty was experienced in bringing up rations to the company. On August 17th Corporal John J. O'Keefe, fully cognizant of the situation, and disregarding personal danger, volunteered to carry rations to six

machine-gun outposts. In full view of the enemy and amid fire from machine guns and snipers he succeeded in the mission, delivering them their first rations received in twenty-four hours. The following day Mechanic Ladislaus Hoffmann and Corporal Martin Banks volunteered to carry rations to a beleaguered auto-rifle outpost. This post was continually under fire and the rations thus brought up was their first food in a similar period of time.

While in the latter position, the only casualty was that of Private Brazit, who was killed by a shell explosion.

The company was relieved by the Australians on the night of August 19th.

The first, third and fourth platoons moved back and were joined by the second platoon at Malard Wood. Then moving on until 10 a. m., August 20th, we halted near Hamel Wood. The men cleaned their clothing, and equipment, while here the spiral leggings were first issued, replacing those of canvas.

Starting about 4:30 p. m., four hours' march brought us to the large field near Aubigny, where we spent the night of August 20th, and the following day we enjoyed a bath in the Somme River and were given a complete change of clothing. We were able to buy chocolate, and replenish our supply of cigarettes; in the evening we resumed our march, and after a hike of several hours, we passed through Poulainville, and encamped beyond the town until the night of August 23rd. During this time the company was paid. British equipment, used while operating on their sector was exchanged for American. Leaving about 7 o'clock August 23rd, we proceeded to Amiens, arriving on the morning of August 24th.

Stacking arms at the depot, we were given an opportunity to see part of this famous city. It had been damaged in places by German artillery, and of course, all civilians had departed. We viewed from the exterior the famous cathedral, and other points of interest. Entraining, we arrived in Ligny on the afternoon of August 25th. On the way we passed through Paris, Epernay and the historic Chateau Thierry. From Ligny we marched to Loisey, arriving at midnight. Our stay of over two weeks in this quaint French town was much enjoyed; the time was given up to usual routine duties; we were the first American troops to billet here and consequently were shown every consideration by the populace.

On September 6th we learned that we were again to move forward. Marching to Troyonville we boarded French trucks and were conveyed to within a short distance of Sirvy Woods, arriving at seven a. m. We occupied barracks situated on a hill in these woods. Again under enemy observation and within artillery range we were obliged to keep under cover. We moved up again on the evening of September 9th to Germonville, which was a short distance behind the front line on the Verdun front. We were in reserve and occupied a large dugout constructed by the French, in the early days of the war. It had two separate floors, the lower one being 30 or 40 feet beneath the ground. The roof of the dugout was well protected with crushed rock. The bunks were arranged in tiers of three. This underground dwelling was large enough to accommodate 300 or more men. We and the cooties were not the only occupants—our abode being shared with rats, rivalling a cat in size. These conditions, however, could not be avoided. The dugout was lighted by electricity.

The country round about showed the damage of war. We witnessed here the destruction of one of our observation balloons by an enemy flyer. In the valleys about blackberries abounded. Our cooks, with these as a basis, prepared many delightful creations. Just outside the dugout an earthen oven was constructed under the supervision of Mechanics Hoffman and Kofoed. Blackberry pies were prepared and other



GERMAN OBSERVATION POST, BOIS DE CHAUME

dishes. Meals were sometimes eaten in the open. With the band playing in the valley we appeared far removed from war.

Much artillery was seen going forward. On the evening of September 20th, the company was lined up and equipment necessary for going over issued, including a limber load of such requisites as signal rockets, panels and ground lights. In addition to the quota of these each man carried a full pack, his ammunition and twenty-four hours' rations.

Just before moving out mail from home arrived and being distributed, the men sat about reading it by moonlight. Leaving at 8:30 p. m. we moved up and occupied trenches in the area known as Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's Hill), relieving the 132nd Infantry. Two platoons were in the front line, designated as Babut trench, and two in immediate support in Gilesie trench.

Much had been written regarding the war's devastation in this region. Hereabouts the French had foiled the Crown Prince, in determined attempts to take Verdun, and get through to Paris. The entire area was churned up, and pockmarked with shell holes. Bones, parts of equipment and clothing littered the ground. Looking over the destroyed Bois de Corbois on the left we could picture the grimness of the struggle, waged day after day, and ending in time in a triumph for the French. Before us lay what the Germans deemed an impassable marsh, through which flowed Forges creek. To render it less passable Jerry had woven a wilderness of barb wire. The Germans on the high ground beyond doubtless felt that they were safe in this quarter.

All was quiet. Our men when there were no enemy flyers about would leave the trenches and play ball. Just over the crest of a hill in our rear a narrow gauge railway made its way through the valleys. Large parties of men loaded on small flat cars, would coast at breakneck speed down the hill and far to the rear. Pushing the car up for the next party was not so easy. These conditions lasted until September 24th, when the Germans, apparently aware of activity in our vicinity, began shelling the area.

We went over on the morning of September 26th. Our heavy guns in the rear, before midnight began firing. The company was in position but a short time when at 5:30 a. m., with a roar our barrage broke loose. Our machine guns and all our artillery had opened up. We felt that over our heads was a roof of steel. The company followed the barrage. Wending through the wire and over the marsh we reached Forges creek. Fording this and reforming we moved on. A heavy fog enveloped all. While this rendered it a little difficult in keeping our bearings, no doubt it was a boon in disguise. Taking events as a matter of course the men trudged along showing little concern. Those who had cigarettes passed them out and all enjoyed an early morning smoke. Patches of Germans stupefied by the barrage, were by this time moving in our direction with "hands up."

Here Corporal Hugh W. Short was severely wounded but refused to return to the rear, continued to lead his squad. Farther on he received another wound of such a serious character that he was unable to go on.

When on level ground beyond Gercourt the fog lifted, revealing to our gaze an imposing spectacle not soon to be forgotten. To the right, left, and everywhere were Uncle Sam's men pushing forward. Jerry in his attempt to get away had quitted many pieces of artillery. In previous cases, artillery when abandoned was rendered unfit for use. Now, however, he had not taken time to as much as remove the breech blocks. The company in many places encountered machine gun nests and other obstacles. These were speedily flanked and cleaned up.

One particular instance deserves special note. Our left was held up by three

machine gun nests. A detail made up of Privates Daniel S. Flagg, Swen Carlson, and Leo N. McBreen led by Sergeant Earle H. Perkins went out to attack these. Though at times exposed to the enemy's direct fire, they succeeded in a flanking movement. The obstacle, thus removed, the company was able to proceed. For their conspicuous bravery and the initiative shown, these men were recommended for medals.

Pivoting to the right, we swung to our objective, parallel to and over looking the river Meuse. Here we dug in.

During this advance the gallant leadership displayed by Sergeant Martyn S. Baker could not but elicit praise and commendation from all. Being in command of his platoon he piloted the men through the many precarious places. Numerous instances required the quickest decision. These were promptly made. Arriving with his platoon intact, and holding the objective for four days the results speak for themselves.

Another instance was characteristic of the tenacity of the men and their determination to see the job through. Sergeant Earnest H. Wilcox was severely wounded. Disregarding this he continued on until he had reached the objective, before he was willing to return to the rear.

Throughout this territory were evidences of the care the enemy had taken to render his heretofore unchallenged possession as comfortable as possible. Spacious dugouts of concrete were numerous. These were in most cases lighted by electricity. Each contained a stove and several comfortable cots; in most telephones were installed. Conditions would seem to indicate that the Germans had no previous intention of changing their location.

The following morning moving back from the river a short distance, we established ourselves in "bivies." This was our position until October 8th. About this time the arrival of replacements strengthened the personnel of the company.

These were principally men from the southern states and though not long in the service, they soon proved themselves capable of bearing their share of the company's duties.

At night a patrol was maintained along the river, each company of the battalion furnishing it in turn. "M" Company's patrol of two squads was out on the night of October 3rd and 7th. The first was commanded by Lieutenant Miller and the other by Lieutenants Buvens and Beauvais. Though no enemy was encountered this all night patrolling proved to be extremely arduous. Because of the possibility of meeting hostile parties the men were required to maintain strict silence.

While the company was in this location, we made our own coffee and prepared our own meals. Each evening the day's paper was brought to us, being dropped from an aeroplane. On one or two occasions in addition to papers, cigarettes were dropped. While here, the captain raised our spirits, by reading a bulletin to the effect that Bulgaria had unconditionally surrendered. During the day the German planes caused us considerable annoyance. While on their way over our lines they apparently deemed us worthy of attention and used their machine guns accordingly.

We sustained three casualties.

Our next participation is known in company vocabulary as, "The stunt of October 10th." Leaving our former protection about five a. m., October 8th, we moved to the right about two "kilos" and into Forges woods. German artillery continued to shell this woods throughout our entire stay. One of our men, Private John Piazza, narrowly escaped injury from a piece of flying shrapnel, which passed through his helmet, grazed the top of his head.

On the afternoon of October 9th we fell in for additional ammunition and ra-

tions. It was once again realized that farther aggression on our part was impending. Filing out at 4 p. m. we followed the road a short distance and halted. We observed above us while here, large groups of Allied aeroplanes, possibly three-hundred in all, flying towards the enemy lines. This visitation, we were told later was for the purpose of dispersing enemy forces, massing for an attack. Having quit the woods, we crossed a valley, coming at length to a foot bridge spanning the Meuse river at a point about one "kilo" southeast of Consenvoye. Crossing the river, we tarried for a time in an old system of trenches. Again moving on through the town of Consenvoye we approached Bois de Chaume. We were in position at 5 a. m. and ready for the kickoff at 6:05 a. m. Company M was in the first wave. We began our advance under the scant protection of an exceedingly light barrage. The second and fourth platoons on the left, skirting the southwest corner of the woods, reached the objective, extending from national route No. 64 to the woods. The first and third platoons, moving slightly to the right, traversed the woods until they reached the top of a ridge at the far edge. Small parties of the enemy had been encountered, and from the ridge could be seen, large numbers scurrying in a home-going direction. Here forty prisoners were taken in a single group. It fell to our happy lot, while in the woods, to rescue a number of the 132nd Infantry who had been wounded the day before.

Above the location of the first and third platoons, an aeroplane was observed, no doubt signalling to their artillery. The Germans opened an intense barrage. It was necessary even under these conditions to observe the enemy's movements. Corporal John J. O'Keefe, with Privates Phillip J. Boening, and Edward Hartman volunteered for this exposed duty.

Because of the poor location of our position it was deemed expedient to move over and consolidate with the second and fourth platoons. Casualties were sustained, while this movement was in execution. It was during this time that the ability and leadership of Corporal John E. Seens played an important part. Owing to his coolness under fire his platoon was successfully withdrawn with few casualties. He was instrumental in locating them in an advantageous position.

We held this position until 8 p. m. October 13th, during which time we were subjected to a continual bombardment. Occasionally enemy machines, flying low used their machine guns. A handicap experienced while here was the difficulty of bringing up rations; also the scarcity of drinking water. Each night a patrol of fifteen men covered the area extending from our left to the river, the purpose being to prevent the enemy from getting around our flank. For one night we had three men in quest of water astray in "No Man's Land." They were able to return in the morning.

Our kitchen, during this time in the line, was located about three "kilos" to the rear beyond Consenvoye. This area was continually shelled.

During this time we rather anticipated an attack on the part of the enemy, but it never took place. In all we sustained possibly fifteen casualties, two of which were fatal.

On the night of October 13th we were surprised by an order to prepare to move. Returning through Consenvoye we entered what had formerly been a part of the Hindenburg Line. While here Private John H. Erlandson was killed by a shell. Going still farther to the rear we entered the trenches above the destroyed town of Forges for a short rest. These were in a very dilapidated condition and the weather was bad. However, being for the first time in forty-six days beyond effective artillery range, we considered ourselves not unfortunately situated. Our stay here was until the night of October 19th.



"TOOT SWEET" CORNER, CONSENVOYE

Between October 19th and 28th we marched from Forges Woods to Challion, making halts and resting on the way. En route we spent five days at Thillombois, October 23rd-28th, which time was spent in cleaning up, having baths, and dislodging the cooties. At Challion our activities were somewhat similar. From here a detail went on leave. We received the papers during this time and were much cheered by the fact that Germany appeared anxious for the cessation of hostilities.

We were now on the Troyon sector before Metz. Leaving Challion at 6 o'clock, on the evening of November 5th, we proceeded to the front, relieving the first battalion of the 132nd Infantry at St. Maurice. Our situation here was new, inasmuch as we occupied billets. Patrols were numerous. One from Company M was out on the nights of the 6th and 7th, 7th and 8th, and 8th and 9th of November, under command of Lieutenant A. G. Miller, for the purpose of taking prisoners. This object was accomplished on the morning of November 9th. A German machine gun crew was gathered in.

A large fighting patrol to which "M" Company contributed 40 men set out at one o'clock on the morning of November 8th for the purpose of raiding the town of St. Hilaire and securing prisoners. Approaching the town at daybreak they were subjected to intense machine gun fire. For this cause it was considered unwise to raid the town without more artillery preparation.

During the engagement, Sergeants John J. Lee and Albert A. Dutton played an important role. Their example, and utter disregard for the intense fire were important factors in encouraging the advance. They were both continually exposed. On the order to retire Sergeant Dutton in his effort to direct the men, as to the course to take, was among the last to fall back. On the following morning the same patrol went out with the same purpose in view, this time under the command of

Captain Stockwell. In the meantime the town had come in for plenty of attention from our artillery and the patrol found it evacuated.

Leaving St. Maurice at 3:20, November 10th, we marched to Doncourt, a distance of seven kilometers. We now learned that we were to attack that day. Advancing in skirmish order to Bois de Warville, we took cover and rested. At a distance of 600 yards from this wood, across a flat and open field was Bois de Harville, strongly held by the enemy.

During the early morning all was obscured from view by a heavy fog which lifted about 10 a. m. We were to make the assault at eleven o'clock. To permit further artillery fire on the enemy's line our attack was postponed until two o'clock in the afternoon. Just previous to this hour the companies lined up in skirmish order in the edge of Bois de Warville, nearest the enemy. "M" company was in the immediate support on the right. Quitting the cover of the woods our advance began at 2:22. When we had proceeded but a short distance the S. O. S. was sent up from the enemy's position. When we had progressed 250 yards in the open we came under intense machine gun fire and took cover. The advance from here to within 150 yards of Bois de Harville was made in squad rushes. At this time the enemy's barrage was let down, falling in Company M's line. To get beyond this, and save the troops, Lieutenant Miller, in command of the front line ordered a charge. This brought us to and put us in possession of the edge of Bois de Harville. A further advance of 400 yards was made through the woods to the objective. The men adopted the practice of taking cover behind trees and advancing as in Indian warfare by darting from one tree to another. At dusk we were withdrawn and a line of resistance established at the edge of Bois de Warville.

On the morning of November 11th, 1918, we were to again attack Bois de Harville at 5:45. This was delayed, awaiting reinforcements. At 7:40 the order was received to cease firing and hold our positions.

During this time the rumor was persistent that hostilities would cease at eleven a. m. We were basing not too much credence in this. As the hour approached, the enemy's guns and ours were still sullenly firing. Then gradually as the last few minutes were ticked off the booming died out. At eleven o'clock all was still. The armistice was in effect.

Before passing on from the events of November 10th, it is necessary to pay tribute to the conduct of all who took part. The fight was waged with true American spirit. While crossing the open field Private Edward Herter went to the rescue of a wounded comrade. In so doing, he was wounded himself. Despite his own plight, he convoyed his charge to safety before coming in for attention himself. Here, too, Corporal Axel Madsen proved that he was made of the right stuff. When his platoon Sergeant was wounded and sent to the rear, he, with marked ability, at once took command of the platoon. In stimulating the advance he was continually exposed to enemy fire. This resulted in his receiving a machine gun bullet in the leg.

On entering the Bois de Harville, Privates Cross and Olson, who were in advance of the wave had a spirited encounter. Spying a party of the enemy they circled around to the rear, forcing one officer and eleven men to surrender. In this encounter, four of the enemy were killed. Private Bieryta was killed while cutting wire with his bayonet to permit others to pass through the entanglements.

All was not quiet on the objective. The enemy were observed placing a machine gun post directly in our front. A party comprising Sergeant Trahan, Corporal Murray, Privates Olszyk, Van Winkle and Cloonan at once charged without command, destroying both guns and killing eight of the enemy. They drove the remainder back in disorder.

Automatic riflemen Brockman, Hoban and Vanderlee accounted for an enemy machine gun nest, killing all of the occupants. At one time the left was held up in reaching the objective by stiff enemy resistance.

Volunteers were called for and Sergeant Slocum, Corporals Eakin and Van Loon with Privates Kirby, Dillon and Ricciomi responded. Sweeping to the left along the objective, the enemy was dislodged, and the left flank enabled to come up on the line.

James W. Sneed, while transporting rations, found a tree had been blown across the road by a shell explosion. Supplies were for this reason held up. He volunteered to ride back, through the enemy's fire and secure an axe. The tree was thus removed and traffic again resumed.

The men were inspired and encouraged throughout by the gallant leadership of their officers. Lieutenant Buvens gave evidence of his care for the men as well as his determination to expel the enemy and reach the objective. As an example of just one incident of the many performed by him that day, we quote from his recommendation for bravery in action, on this occasion:

"On November 10th, 1918, during the attack on the Bois de Harville, the left of the line, was delayed considerably, because of the loss of its officers and a large number of N. C. O's. The enemy machine gun fire was very heavy, which greatly endangered our left flank. Second Lieutenant Buvens noticed the danger from the right, and he immediately picked up two squads and rushed to the left, and flanked two machine gun nests, capturing the guns and killing the two crews. By this act of bravery the line was consolidated, the advance was made possible, and the objective was later gained."

In this battle the company lost a good and valiant leader, Lieutenant Walton U. Beauvais, who fell, mortally wounded. He had been with us and shared our fortunes through many serious places and had endeared himself to every member of the company. Realizing our inability to pay him fitting tribute, or to express how deeply the company feels his loss, we simply quote the wording of his recommendation for "bravery":

"At Bois de Harville, November 10th, 1918, while in command of the left, the assaulting wave met with very stiff opposition. He continually exposed himself, setting an example, and encouraging his men to advance. Singly, he forced a machine gun crew, which was holding up our advance to surrender, by placing himself in an exposed position in the line where he could command a view of machine gun nests and where he succeeded in killing the gun pointer by a well directed shot, thus materially aiding the line to finally advance to its objective. Lieutenant Beauvais received a mortal wound shortly after."

On the evening of November 11th we moved to the rear and remained until December 7th in Thillot and Hannonville. While here, a battalion was made up from our regiment to represent the A. E. F. in Metz at the ceremonies connected with the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France. This was considered a high honor. "M" Company furnished their quota to this select battalion.

From this time on our activities have been rather diversified. Being assigned to the Army of Occupation, we left Thillot on the forenoon of December 7th and proceeded to move forward. Moving through the pretty country of Luxembourg, we crossed the Moselle River into Germany on December 15th. Passing through Saarburg we were billeted for two days at Irsch, Germany.

Leaving the land of the Hun on the 17th, we retraced our steps into Luxembourg, arriving at Fischbach amid Luxembourg's scenic hills on December 20th. With Fischbach's hospitable natives we spent the winter without hardship.

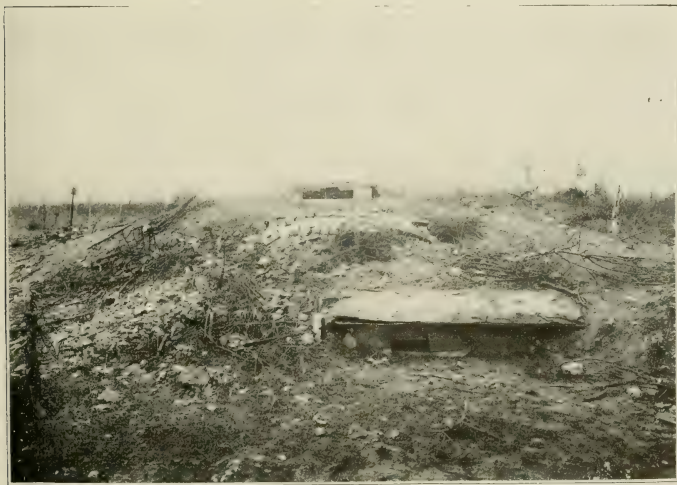
NARRATIVE OF THE MACHINE GUN COMPANY

Our first taste of war was obtained by watching the air raids on Abbeville from the edge of the village—the explosion of bombs and the shrapnel from the anti-aircraft batteries could be plainly seen. An incident of our stay in Le Translay, was the march to Blangy for a bath which we found difficult to obtain in any privacy as the citizens, both men and women, took occasion to view the event as a holiday and wanted to look on, and as we were not equipped with bathing suits, we were forced to go a long way down the little river to secure a little privacy, and when we arrived there the water was found to be so cold that it was more of a punishment than a pleasure and the experiment was not repeated. Orders were issued for us to move to Septmules on the 9th of June, but these orders never reached the company. Captain Melville, however, got information of the move from the British area commandant and confirmed it by Colonel Allen, of division headquarters verbally, and as he had been placed in command of both companies (the Machine Gun Company and 132nd Infantry were also in Le Translay) by verbal orders from Brigadier General Wolf, he ordered the march taken up at 8:45 a. m., June 9th. While en route to Septmules a message was received from our billeting officer advising that our destination had been changed to Grandcourt and that town was reached the same day after a march of approximately eighteen miles over some pretty steep hills. Our change of direction en route had saved us an additional march of six miles as we discovered when the 124th Machine Gun Battalion reached Grandcourt that night after having continued on to the original destination before getting their change in orders. Upon arrival at Grandcourt we found that our ration trucks had gone to some other town and could get no information regarding them. The following morning the rations had not come in, but Lieutenant H. S. Bottomley, who had preceded the regiment as a billeting officer, joined the company and was immediately put in charge of our only transportation, a British “g. s.” wagon, and sent out to locate and draw rations. This wagon found a ration dump and picked up some rations intended for another machine gun company—all was fair in such an emergency—but on the return trip the wagon was overturned and one of the horses badly injured, the rations being strewn over the side of a steep hill. Just as the company was going supperless to bed the Lieutenant and Mess Sergeant came in with a big cheese, all they could save of the rations in the dark. The following day most of the food was recovered and the company fed after being without supper and breakfast. About this time we received from the British our complete equipment of limbers and animals (draft) together with a detail of about seventeen men to handle it and instruct our men; they remained, however, only a few days, as our men were already competent in the care of animals. We also received here Vickers machine guns and equipment from our own supply officer and immediately began a schedule of training to fit our men for duty in the front line. This instruction was made very intensive and continued until June 23rd when the company was ordered to Gamaches to embuss for Pierregot to rejoin the regiment. On June 20th Captain Melville was ordered to Melleville, with Sergeants Dyas and Christensen, to embuss for a visit to the front line for observation and instruction. They proceeded by Lorry through Amiens to Glisy (Australian Division Headquarters), where they were assigned to Captain Mackie, ninth company Australian Machine Gun Corps, with headquarters in the support line near Crucifax corner, just north of Villers-Brettenneaux, and proceeded as far as Machine Gun Battalion Headquarters near Bois l’ Abbaye on horse-back. This experience was extremely valuable in many ways. This observation detail rejoined the company

at Pierregot on June 27th. The company reconnoitered the Vaden sector and occupied defensive position, as a practice maneuver June 25th, 26th and 27th, returning to Pierregot on the 27th. This same day orders were received to join the 124th Machine Gun Battalion on the 28th and proceed to Querrieu wood to occupy part of the defensive system organized under the British IV Army—a march of about 20 kilometers. On June 29th we were assigned to the south portion of the Army defense system and reconnoitered the same day. On June 30th we arrived at Blangy-Tronville and reported to the IV Australian Corps (2nd Division). Upon the instruction of the Australian C. of S. we left one platoon in Blangy-Tronville and balance of the company in Cailloux wood, just across the Somme River, the transport being established with the Australian transport just west of LaMotte-Brebierre and about three miles from the company. The following day the platoon at Blangy-Tronville was withdrawn to Cailloux wood to avoid unnecessary exposure to enemy bombardment which was heavy each night. Training in Cailloux wood was carried out under difficulties as intermittent shelling continued day and night and bombing by aircraft every night. Our sector extended from the south end of Bussy le Daours to south edge of Bois Blanc, a stretch of three and one-half miles in a straight line, and contained a complete system of trenches with numerous machine gun emplacements, some completed and some under construction, and as it was impossible to cover the entire system with our twelve guns, we remained in Cailloux wood and sent one platoon at a time, alternately, to occupy the different parts for periods of twenty-four or forty-eight hours each, so as to familiarize the men with every position and facilitate occupation in an emergency; also to train our supply personnel in distribution of rations and other supplies to the scattered units. This work was most valuable training and stood us in good stead later on. On July 8th at 11:30 a. m. the enemy opened up on Cailloux wood with 5.9-inch H. E. shells and shrapnel and maintained the bombardment for about 45 minutes. Their aim was perfect and the first shell struck an Australian officer's tent near our kitchen and the second right beside the kitchen, wounding the mess sergeant and three men and killing an Australian and an English soldier. The woods was immediately cleared, but one other man of ours was wounded severely just outside the woods. On July 10th, orders were issued for a practice occupation of the entire Army defense system by all the troops assigned to that sector. Our occupation of the north sector from Bussy los Daours to the Somme was without incident but the two platoons south of the Somme had a rather severe experience; just as they reached the high ground above Blangy-Tronville the enemy opened a heavy bombardment on the entire area and the French and English batteries replied, but the movement was not stopped and the occupation completed without the loss of a single man, although one dug-out adjoining our platoon headquarters was destroyed five minutes before daylight and was accomplished safely despite the intermittent bombardment continuing. On July 17th we were ordered to the Long area for special training course of about two weeks. On July 18th we marched to Vignacourt and on the 19th to Eaucourt (near Abbeville) a total march of about 50 kilometers. The course at Eaucourt covered bombing, range firing and pistol practice and was completed in three weeks. On July 25th Sergeant A. W. Seipp, Laurence E. Felker and Christian Christensen were ordered to the officers training school at Langres. On July 28th Captain Melville and First Lieutenant Bottomley with three N. C. O's were ordered to the General Headquarters machine gun school (American wing) at Camiers. This school proved to be a very good one on the mechanics and firing of the Vickers machine gun but had no competent instructors in tactical employment of guns which was to be deplored. Upon completing the course of instruction at

Eaucourt, the company rejoined the regiment, marching on August 7th and staying the night at Vignacourt—reaching Pierregot the afternoon of August 8th. A total march of about 45 kilometers. The same night orders were received to move forward into the battle area and the company took up the march at 3:00 a. m., August 9th, reaching Vaux-sur-Somme the same day (30 kilometers). Second Lieutenant Thomas J. Kennedy was in command of the company in the absence of other officers. The company participated in the battle of Chipilly Ridge and the Eitnehem-Bray defensive and marched to Coisy on August 20th to rest and refit, stopping at Hamel and Aubigny on the way. Captain Herbert E. Algeo, 122nd Machine Gun Battalion was temporarily assigned to the company on the 15th of August and left the company about the 20th. The company marched from Coisy to Amiens on August 22nd and entrained for Ligny, in the American sector, reached Ligny and marched to Salmange on the 25th of August. Captain Melville and Lieutenant Bottomly rejoined the company at Salmange on September 3rd. Intensive training at Salmange included maneuvers with infantry up to and including the division. On September 6th orders were received to move, the company marched to Tronville to embuss and proceeded by Lorry to Baleicourt (near Verdun) reaching there the following day. On September 9th we made a night march to Delolime wood (near Fromerville) and were held there in reserve, attached to First Battalion, until September 21st, when we were ordered to the front line on Le Mort Homme, and attached to Second Battalion. Our time at Delolime wood was spent in reconnaissance of the brigade forward sector and defensive area and mechanical training of the gun crews. On September 22nd at 8:30 p. m. we marched via Longbut and Germonville, in a driving rain, for Chattancourt where we were ordered to meet the Second Battalion before midnight and pick up guides furnished by the Second Battalion. We arrived at Chattancourt at 11:05 p. m. but found neither the Battalion nor the guides and as there was absolutely no shelter the column was left on the road so as not to lose their place and get crowded out by the French artillery. The roads were jammed with artillery and transport and the Battalion delayed in arriving and further delayed by lack of guides. After an hour spent in looking for guides the infantry major discovered them to the number of about twenty men but none of them were capable of guiding anybody anywhere, and Captain Melville volunteered to guide the column up the reverse slopes of Le Mort Homme. It took until 2 a. m. to reach the kitchens of the Third Battalion and pick up a competent guide for the infantry, but our transport was blocked by the French and American artillery on the roads and was barely able to get unloaded and out before daylight. We were obliged to get all our equipment and ammunition up to the reverse slopes of our Le Mort Homme position by hand, which was done during the day of September 23rd and the company entered the trenches the same evening. On September 26th we went over the top at daylight with the Second Battalion, 131st Infantry and by night we were dug in on the ridge along the west bank of the Meuse. Our losses were only six men wounded, one of whom was wounded by machine gun fire from enemy aeroplane after reaching our objective. The humor of this advance was furnished by Lieutenant Kennedy who, with only a pistol, rounded up about thirty Boche prisoners in the edge of Forges wood and brought them in, but he turned them in with the infantry's captures, who were being assembled back of the ridge above Drillencourt, and was unable to separate them again and so got no credit for them. Also, our infantry carriers got lost and joined the machine gun company on our left so that we had only about eight belts per gun left on reaching our objective. These carriers were attached to us after midnight on the 25th and 26th of September, and consequently could not distinguish the fact that they had adopted the wrong com-

pany. On the night of September 27th we were withdrawn to reserve in rear of Drillancourt where we established a defensive line of captured Boche machine guns from Drillancourt to north edge of Forges wood, placing our own guns in a second line 1,000 yards farther back. On October 6th we were with Second Battalion, 131st Infantry attached to 132d Infantry for an attack on the East Bank of the Meuse. On October 7th we moved to the trenches in the northeast corner of Forges wood and laid there until 3:30 p. m., October 8th and crossed the Meuse at 4 p. m. and went over the top at daylight, October 9th in the attack on Bois de Chaume and Bois de Plat Chene. We were relieved from the front line on the night of October 13th, and recrossed the Meuse on the morning of October 14th, going into a rest position in the trenches on the reverse slope of the hill north of Bethencourt. On the night of October 22nd we marched from Bethencourt to Bois Cland (33 kilos) via Esnes, La Claire, Germonville and Fromerville. At 2:00 a. m. on the night of October 23-24 we marched to Tamares Camp (25 kilos) and remained there until the 26th when we marched at noon for Thillombois (15 kilos). On October 28th, Lieutenant Lyon, with one section was ordered to reinforce the garrison at Fort Troyon and remained there about two days, rejoining the company on October 31st. On November 5th we marched to Longeau farm to relieve machine gun company, 132nd Infantry and stayed at Deuxmonds over night reaching Longeau farm at dusk of the 6th day of November. On November 8th we relieved B Company, 124th Machine Gun Battalion in the line, headquarters at St. Maurice, one platoon forward at Avillers. On the 9th we received orders to assemble the company in St. Maurice and on the 10th, moved entire company up to Woel in support and relieved a liaison detachment of 124th Machine Gun Battalion with the 110th Infantry on our right. At 5:00 a. m., November 11th, we were ordered to Bois de la Vachere to support our attack with the full fire power of all our remaining guns, but before we moved out



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of Woel the orders were changed and we were instructed to report in by telephone from Doncourt to the brigade commander. At Doncourt our telephone orders were to remain there for further orders which we did and on the 12th were ordered to Thillot, and on the 13th to Hannonville where we remained until December 7th. Drill and instruction was taken up at Hannonville until orders were received to clean up and salvage the entire regimental area when all other work was stopped and all available men put on the sanitary and salvage work. On December 7th we marched to Mars La Tour, to Moinville, December 8th, to Mancicules, December 9th, to Mercy Le Haut, December 10th, to Esch (Schiffange) Lux., December 11th, to Hassel, Lux., December 12th, to Ehnen on December 14th, to Saarburg (Behrig) Germany, December 15th, rested there two days and marched back to Ehnen on December 17th and on December 20th marched to Schoos, where we went into permanent quarters for the winter.

NARRATIVE OF THE MEDICAL DETACHMENT

The Medical Detachment of the 131st Infantry arrived on Decoration Day, 1918, with the rest of the regiment; our outfit consisting of seven first lieutenants, medical, two first lieutenants, dental, one first lieutenant, chaplain and forty-nine men in command of Major George C. Amerson. On June 2nd we left for Oisemont, where we learned to drink tea at four o'clock in the afternoon with the British. With the dividing of the regiment into battalion billeting areas the following assignment was made:

Lieutenants Schwald and Daniels with eleven men at Citernes with the first battalion; Lieutenants Mangum and Bisson with eleven men at Hocquincourt with the second battalion and Major Amerson, and Lieutenants Pease, Holden, Hays, Crafton, James and Egerton with twenty-seven men at Frucourt with the third battalion and headquarters units.

For the next five days the units of the medical corps were confronted by a new problem arising from poor billets, inadequate infirmary facilities and unsanitary conditions of the towns where troops were quartered, but by hard work the situation was met.

June 8th Lieutenants Hays, Crafton and James, with three men, were sent to Eu for temporary duty with the 30th British Division, that they might become familiar with the British methods. On the twenty-first we arrived at Pierregot. On return of these officers and men with a knowledge of British methods with the sick and wounded and numerous conferences of Major Amerson and British staff officers resulted in great benefit to the detachment.

The day succeeding their arrival at Pierregot, Major Amerson and Lieutenants Mangum and Schwald proceeded on a tour of instruction at the trenches near Henencourt. Beginning June 23rd, several maneuvers were carried out by the entire regiment and by the different battalions, taking up positions near Contay on June 23rd, Warloy and Henencourt on the 25th, Warloy on the 28th and to the southern section of the Vaden Line on the 29th. In all these maneuvers officers and men of the Medical Corps participated to the fullest extent, preparing aid-stations, training in first-aid work and in general becoming more efficient to carry out the work of the future engagements.

On Saturday, June 29th, Lieutenant Pease, with Sergeant Hopps, Privates Winters, Hunt, Brumleve, Randle, McDavitt, Lindsay and Keane and Private Brunson accompanied a provisional battalion to Allonville. In a very short time the

men knew they were to fight side by side with the Australians in a stunt to be put on the morning of the glorious Fourth.

During the afternoon of July 1st the boys were given instruction how to follow tanks and the next day a lecture by an Australian officer on what to do when they met the enemy. About 2 p. m. of the same day the battalion left Cardonette with the Australian band playing and the Colonel reviewing his men as they marched on their way to the line. The medical men going forward under this command were Lieutenant Pease, Sergeant Hopps, Privates, first class, McDavitt, Keane and Brumleve.

On the afternoon of June 30th Lieutenant Hays with Sergeant Sherlock, Privates, first class, DeLay, Campbell, Rowell and Labich and Privates Coiroionu, Page, Baxter and Bova went forward with the First Battalion to the vicinity of Allonville, taking up their location in conjunction with the provisional battalion already in the line.

After they had reached Coisy and had mess and were supplied with necessary equipment, the battalions left under cover of darkness and arrived in the little shell-torn village of Hamelet at 1 a. m. on July 3rd. Here the medical men were directed to a temporary aid station, the infantry going into the support trenches. In this station they met Captain McDonald of the Australian Forces Medical Department. During the day of July 3rd he informed them that he was to have charge of an advanced aid-station and would be very glad to have one of our detachment in the party. Private, first class, Keane was named and with Lieutenant Pease accompanied the Australian medical unit to the forward aid-station.

At 10 p. m. on the night of July 3rd the entire fighting force moved forward to the front lines and eagerly awaited the zero hour which had been set for 3:10 a. m. the morning of the fourth. At that moment things began to happen, the boys went over the top and it was but a very short time before the corps men became busy in administering first-aid to the unfortunate ones.

The casualties occasioned by this engagement were very slight; the number of Americans evacuated through the aid-stations amounted to only about a hundred men. While the medical men were not called upon to put forth any exceptional heroic efforts on this occasion, still it afforded them a splendid opportunity to further prepare themselves for the more important engagements in which they were to participate. However, special mention was made of Private, first class, Keane's care of wounded while under fire, by the medical officer and commanding officer of the Forty-third Battalion, Australian Troops, and commanding officer of Company E, 131st Infantry. For this exceptional work Keane was awarded the military medal by the British Government and was personally decorated by King George.

At 10:30 p. m. the night of July 5th, our troops were relieved and made their way to the back area through Corbie, which was being heavily shelled. They billeted for the night in some old reserve trenches and after breakfast marched to Daours, where they boarded lorries for Pierregot.

During their stay in this area instruction according to British plan on first-aid and sanitation was given to twenty men selected from each company. The object of this instruction was to train these men to act as stretcher bearers while in the line and to maintain a condition of sanitation while in their respective company areas. Such work of sanitation performed by these men was daily supervised by men from the corps. Very much was accomplished by their efforts in this work as in comparison to previous conditions.

In order to put forward this work in a proper and efficient manner, the following recommendations were made by Major Amerson: All sanitary rules regarding the areas should be strictly observed. Avoid fly-breeding areas. Frequent inspections of kitchens and proper supervision of all cooked and uncooked food. Protection of all food from becoming soiled or contaminated. Facilities for the proper handling and preparing of food should be afforded. Attention paid to the cooks and "K. P.'s", regarding hands, tools, utensils and clothing. Strict observance of all rules regarding water. Prohibit the use of cheap wine. Fresh vegetables should take the place of the excessive meat issue. All meals should be served hot. Avoid all unnecessary fatigue due to overwork and exposure. As much as possible, men should be kept dry and warm, or at least able to get dry and warm when an opportunity affords. More regularity in meals if possible. Repeated and frequent inspections of all food during preparation and serving is being carried on. Attempts to improve the handling and caring for food have been made. Facilities are much better. There are no fly-breeding areas due to our neglect. The sale of liquors to our troops has been forbidden in this area. A few are getting liquor from adjoining towns and this should be stopped. Personal instruction is constantly being given by medical officers and hospital corps men to all officers and men. The prohibition of the sale of wine to our troops unquestionably has markedly improved the health of our men. A continuous personal reminding the men of the necessity of staying well and affording them the very best obtainable. Each officer and N. C. O. to show more interest in the little affairs of a soldier's existence and do intelligently all that is possible to improve the general conditions will promote better health conditions of the command.

Arrangements were made by the division surgeon for the Lancashire Field Ambulance company, British, to afford training for a period of two weeks to all available officers and men of the detachment concerning the methods used by the British medical units. Here was found a marked difference in the personnel of the British and American units, due largely to the difference in the duties outlined for each. The British personnel numbered about 20 per cent of the American. In ours each battalion was assigned about two officers and 12 men—in the British, they numbered one officer and two men. This difference in conditions is explained by the fact that our men in the aid-station worked by shifts of a few hours each, thus enabling a few to be employed in the supervising of the work of stretcher-bearing, general trench sanitation, scouting for new or better locations and in maintaining proper liaison between the several stations and the evacuation center. Difficulty was experienced in carrying out this plan due to the size of the British stations which were built to accommodate a lesser number.

First Lieutenant Norman A. Schwald left at noon, June 30th for the Army Medical school at Langres, France, for a five weeks' course of instruction duties in sanitation. He rejoined the detachment at Pierregot, August 5th. On June 29th First Lieutenant James, with Private, first class, McCullough, went on detached service with machine gun company to Blangy-Tronville and remained with them until the 9th of August, when they reported at once in the line.

During the period of July 8th to 31st—twelve regimental and battalion maneuvers were carried out along the Vaden Line and in all these the medical department took its important part in establishing aid-stations and acting as relief to British medical detachments. Through these maneuvers and past instructions the men felt that they had arrived very nearly at an efficient standard of training and were now ready to launch out in earnest upon the great purpose for which they had come here.

At seven p. m., August 7th, First Lieutenant Hays and Privates, first class, DeLay and Campbell and Privates Page and Baxter accompanied the First Battalion, First Lieutenant Bisson and Privates, first class, Turner and Randle and Privates Benefiel and Shaffer accompanied the Second Battalion to the Bazieux sector. Captain Mangum and First Lieutenant Schwald with Sergeants Sherlock and Gallagher, Privates, first class, Kessler and Stafford and Privates Sheehan, Burns, Giorionu, Brunson, Bova, Burson, Pappas, Danopulos, Beese, Wolk and Platner reported at Montigny for instruction at the A. D. S. British. This detail left Montigny for Querrieu the 9th taking their places in support at regimental headquarters area. August 8th, First Lieutenant Pease with Sergeant Hunt and Private, first class, Klein and Privates Johnson and Kruger took position in support with the Third Battalion; August 8th, Sergeant Hopps and Privates, first class, Holmes, Winters, Armano, Ellis and Lindsay reported in the line joining regimental headquarters unit in support at Querrieu. August 9th, First Lieutenant James with Private, first class, McCullough, reported in the lines with machine gun company; August 8th, Major Amerson, Sergeant, first class, Carlson, Sergeant Harris, Private first class, Robie and Private Zuckerman advanced with headquarters unit at Heilly moving to Montigny the next morning to the British A. D. S. for three days' duty.

Early on the morning of the 8th the different battalions made their way through Heilly from Bazieux to engage the enemy in battle. Arrived at Saille-le-Sec at 6 a. m. of the 9th, establishing an aid-station here and evacuating a number of wounded during the day resulting from the strafing that was being carried on. The battalions left Saille-le-Sec at 4 p. m. and at 5:15 encountered the enemy near Malard wood and Chipilly ridge. The First Battalion swung to the right and the Second Battalion to the left of Malard wood; the Third Battalion filtered through the next morning.

Aid posts were established and evacuation of wounded begun from all points along our front. And as the fighting forces moved forward, stations were located in advantageous positions in proximity with them, thus assuring immediate attention to the wounded.

To give some idea of the work and strain the medical men were subjected to in the different aid-stations, a report of the commander of the medical detachment Second Battalion, is here given. "Besides an uncounted number of English, Australian and enemy wounded treated here during the night of August 9th and morning of the 10th—we evacuated seven officers and 125 men from the Second Battalion. A large percentage of the casualties were due to machine-gun and rifle fire, including chest and abdominal wounds, and compound fractures of the limbs."

The regiment was associated with the British and no provisions had been made for the excess of medical personnel. Battalion aid-stations would accommodate but a small portion of either officers or men. A large amount of work was done out in the open all along the area traversed by the command, hospital corps men were busily engaged in all kinds of work including burial of dead, stretcher-bearing, water-carrying and in ration parties. Rations and water were hard to obtain. Communication with and services of the ambulance company were insufficient. Hundreds of cases were treated, transported and disposed of by our men in the front area thus doing the work of an evacuation post.

During this engagement the men who were evacuated from our detachment were one officer and five men slightly gassed, two men sick and one slightly wounded by high-explosive. One man was killed by high-explosive shell.

On the night of August 19th the regiment was relieved by the Australians and orders came to proceed to Poulainville by way of Hamel and Aubigny for the purpose of entraining for the Department of the Meuse.

August 23rd the regiment marched by Battalions to Amiens where the next morning they entrained, going by the way of Paris, Chateau Thierry, Epernay, Challons, Bar le Duc and Tronville taking twenty-four hours to accomplish this journey to Ligny. Here they detrained and marched to a rest area about eight kilos north of Tronville. Headquarters Unit and First Battalion located at Salmagne, Second Battalion at Gery and the Third Battalion at Loisey. All officers and men of the detachment were in splendid condition.

A training schedule issued by the division surgeon was again resumed, usual camp sanitation was attended to, dental work was taken care of here as in Pierregot and regular care of men and inspections in respective areas supervised. The next ten days constituted the regiment's first period of rest which was largely used in preparing for the great offensive to be enacted in the Verdun sector.

On the afternoon of September 7th the regiment marched to Tronville and boarded French lorries for an all night ride to Baleicourt, a village in the back area of the Verdun sector. On the evening of the 10th they advanced to the vicinity of Germonville which lay within a few kilos of the front line. Here they made further preparations for taking up their positions in the line and became better equipped for the engagement which was to take place directly north of Germonville, across Le Mort Homme, swinging to the right beyond the Meuse.

Due to recent experience and observation extending over a period of two months in the forward area (British) it became quite obvious that a certain portion of cases should have a radical operation performed in advance of casual clearing station. The M. D. S. begins receiving patients usually, in from four to six hours after the zero hour of an attack. Their condition by this time is such that further transportation to casual clearing station would be useless. Consequently a mobile field hospital, it was thought, would greatly increase the scope of the work and serve as a valuable aid where now apparently there was nothing to offer. As a result of these observations, Major Amerson with Sergeant Gallagher and Privates, first class, Holmes, Armano and Robie were assigned to a newly organized division mobile operating unit, Major Amerson taking charge of the unit in conjunction with his duties as regimental surgeon.

The unit was located at Glorieux with division field hospital, and on October 4th was attached under Corps order to the 130th Field Hospital which was designated as "corps non-transportable" and moved forward to the front area locating on the Bethancourt-Forges road, remaining there until October 9th when it was moved to Glorieux.

September 11th, Captain Schwald, Sergeant McCullough and Private, first class, Kessler were sent on special duty at Germonville at the ambulance collecting post. Here they were on duty until September 22nd when they were assigned to the Second Battalion for services, relieving Lieutenant Bisson who then took charge of the collecting post, assisted by Privates, first class, Lindsay, DeLay and McDavitt and Privates Benefiel and Shaffer.

On the night of the 20th of September the Third Battalion moved forward to Bourrus Woods. The medical detachment unit, with the Third Battalion, consisting of First Lieutenant James, Sergeant Hunt, Privates, first class, Ellis, Keane, Klein and Privates Krueger, Beese and Wolk established a temporary aid-station, advancing into the line two days later and locating their aid-station in the vicinity

of Le Mort Homme. The night of the 23rd First Lieutenant Schwald, Privates first class, Turner, Winters, McCullough, Brumleve and Kessler and Private Barton attended the Second Battalion to their location on Le Mort Homme. The next day First Lieutenant James changed his location nearer the aid-station established the night before by Lieutenant Schwald and his men. On the night of September 24th, First Lieutenant Hays, Sergeant Sherlock, Privates Sheehan, Page and Dunphy moved with the First Battalion through Chattanooga into the line to the east of Le Mort Homme. Marching from Delolime Woods, Captain Mangum, Sergeant, first class, Carlson, Sergeants Hopps and Harris, Privates, first class, Backus, Campbell, Randle and Stafford and Privates Kaspar and Shaffer located near regimental headquarters ahead of Chattanooga.

The greater part of the 25th was taken up in becoming well established in the aid-stations and making final arrangements for receiving, dressing, transportation and disposition of the wounded that would come in during the days to follow.

At one o'clock of the morning of the 26th, detachments from the various aid-stations accompanied their respective Battalions to the forward trenches and awaited the zero hour which came at 5:30. From that moment on until they were relieved, October 19th, the medical men labored ceaselessly and advanced with their respective Battalions through the marsh, up the hill to Forges wood and on past Drillencourt, thence to the river Meuse, establishing aid-stations wherever and whenever needed. The 8th of October they crossed the river and located in Consenvoye and established aid-posts in the hills beyond where they stayed until relieved, thus completing the forty-two days the division had been under fire. The difficulties and the strain under which the medical men had to work is evidenced by the large number of patients from various organizations, including men from the 80th Division, French Artillery, transport, engineers, signal men, 132nd Infantrymen and also the enemy, portraying various types of injuries that passed through their hands. The extreme danger they encountered in scouting for and locating new advanced posts under shell-fire and direct observation; the maintaining of liaison with the ambulance company, which was stationed about five kilos to the rear was difficult. The transportation and disposition of wounded proved rather discouraging obstacles they were forced to overcome because the stretcher-bearers promised them did not arrive, thus necessitating the disposal of the wounded by prisoners and otherwise to the ambulance post at Bethancourt. The improvisations made and the search for needed supplies instigated when ambulances failed to report resulted finally in using dressings taken from the prisoners and from a captured aid-station. The exceptional work performed by the mobile operating unit; the efficient care of the wounded while in the posts, which included nourishments of various kinds prepared by the men, as well as the dressing of the wounds; the carrying of food and messages under extreme conditions, went far in proving them efficient in their work and of being worthy of the message sent to Lieutenant-Colonel Hathaway, division surgeon, from the chief surgeon, Third Army Corps, which stated: "I desire to express to you my pleasure in having observed the very efficient system of medical aid which you and your assistants have rendered in the Thirty-third Division during this action."

During this engagement two officers and two men of the medical detachment were evacuated sick, one man gassed and one man wounded by high-explosive.

On the night of the 19th the regiment was relieved and was ordered to proceed to the St. Mihiel salient by way of Baleicourt and Souilly to Woimbey, arriving there on the 23rd at 9 p. m. Here they spent thirteen days in rest and recupera-

tion aside from their routine work, dental work being performed here as it was at Deloline wood during the recent engagement. It was while at this place that the first men were permitted to go on leave to Aix les Bains.

On the 28th the Third Battalion moved into the Troyon sector where they were joined on November 6th by the rest of the regiment. On the 8th the Second Battalion advanced into Wadenville. The medical men, consisting of First Lieutenant Geehan, Privates, first class, Brumleve and Lindsay and Privates Krueger and Grimley established an aid-station in the basement of a shattered house in the town. The First Battalion was located at Woel with the medical corps men consisting of First Lieutenant Pease, Sergeant Sherlock, Privates, first class, Backus and Labieh and Privates Page, Platner, Bova, Cioroionu and Nicola located an aid-station in a chateau. The Third Battalion and headquarters units of the corps, consisting of Captains Mangum and Bisson, Sergeant Gallagher, Acting Sergeant McCullough, W. B., Privates, first class, Ellis, Beard, Armano, Holmes and Nichols and Privates Beese and Wolk, established their post in the outskirts of Doncourt in the smelly basement which, however, was the best to be had, of an old shell-racked building formerly used by the enemy as an observation tower, overlooking the plains of Woel. During the ensuing days until an hour or so after the memorable eleventh month, eleventh day and eleventh hour had arrived, the several detachments were somewhat busy with the incoming wounded and no little dismayed by the exceedingly close proximity of the enemy, that last long night of the tenth.

Speedy evacuation to Avillers was accomplished from all along the line due to the arrival of ambulances on time. The corps men worked with their usual loyalty in administering to about a hundred-twenty-five of our men, together with many from the machine gun battalions, transport and the enemy. Prior to the arrival of the first ambulance prisoners on their way to the rear were impressed into service to carry stretcher cases from the aid-stations to the evacuation post.

Difficulties in this engagement were met and taken care of with the same dispatch as in the previous ones. The space for aid-stations available were, for the most part, close, dark basements under shattered stone buildings. This was especially so in the cases of both Doncourt and St. Hilaire. But a few men could be attended in them at a time thus necessitating the use, under direct observation, of any description of shelter at hand. The enemy were not far off with their machine guns and the area was being almost continuously shelled. However, dressings were plentiful and the evacuation facilities, while not ideal, were sufficient; consequently the receiving, dressing, transportation and disposition of wounded were very efficiently taken care of. By evening of the eleventh the regiment was relieved and subsequently reported back to their battalion billeting areas.

From November 11th to December 7th, while awaiting assignment to either the Army of occupation or back area duties, the medical corps was engaged in their usual camp routine of the care of sick, dental care of the regiment, general cleaning and replenishing of equipment of entire personnel, resuming courses of training and meeting and clearing up conditions of sanitation which included various inspections, installing proper drains, establishing proper bath and delousing facilities and removal of debris occasioned by the wreckage of the buildings in the Battalion areas.

The French occupied Alsace-Lorraine placing a small force in the city of Metz. The formal occupation of these provinces was celebrated on the 8th of December by a review before the president of the republic of France in the Plaza de la Republique in Metz on which occasion were represented, Battalions of the famous fighting division of France, including infantry, cavalry, artillery, tanks and ar

mored cars. The governor general made special request to the French government that American troops should be asked to participate, sending for that purpose a picked Battalion from some fighting regiment which had seen service with the French. The 131st Infantry was selected to represent the American Forces in France. Leaving with this Battalion on December 4th were Captains Mangum and Pease, First Lieutenant Purcell, Sergeant Gallagher, Privates, first class, Holmes, Rowell, Doyle, Backus, Lindsay and Kessler and Privates Beese, Benefiel, Page, Shaffer and Wolk of the Medical department. These men later rejoined the Corps at Mercy le Haute while on the way to the area of occupation.

On the 7th of December the regiment began its march forward toward their assigned position in Luxembourg by way of Mars la Tour in France, Aumetz in Lorraine, Esch in Luxembourg, going to Saarbourg, Germany for a period of two days then back into Luxembourg to Ehnen on the Moselle and thence into the vicinity of Larochette where they arrived December 21st. The purpose of the regiment here was guard duty, consequently it was divided into fifteen units and stationed throughout the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The medical department on this eleven days' march were busily concerned with the general health of the men, holding regular sick call, inspecting billets, kitchens and feet. And, on different occasions, personally superintending the repair and fitting of shoes, helping along in the march those who were too ill or still weakened as result of their recent return from hospital and unable to otherwise keep up with the regiment and evacuating to hospitals those who became seriously ill en route. Upon their arrival at their destination detachments of the corps were stationed with each of the fifteen units of the regiment throughout Luxembourg. They assumed the usual care of the troops, caring for the sanitation of the respective areas, resuming dental work, inspections and training schedule.

In reviewing the conclusive evidence put forth here and elsewhere it may at once be seen that the medical department of the 131st Infantry performed their duties in an efficient and heroic manner. Observations made by officials in command of Australian, British and French as well as American Divisions with which they have labored, commending their efforts, toils and self-sacrifices in such a noble cause is, in a great measure, sufficient recompense; but, far and beyond this, is the assurance of a work well performed, a hazardous duty accomplished and the knowledge of having participated with the best of humanity in living up to and safeguarding a sacred ideal.

NARRATIVE OF CAPTAIN HERMAN H. WEIMER

HAMEL

It was over—that first fight—but it made an impression on us so that for a day we lived as men who had seen another world—and we had. Our senses fairly reeled with the experiences that had been crowded into those few days. We had been making history, because for the first time in history the troops of America and the troops of the British Empire fought side by side against a common foe, and we were glad that it had been our privilege to gain this victory for world freedom on our own Independence day. We had heard the shriek of exploding shrapnel, the whistle and clatter of machine gun fire. We had seen the thousand sights of a bloody battlefield, some of which we would be glad to forget. And we realized too that under the little crosses we made from ammunition boxes, lay all that was mortal of some of our comrades.

CHIPILLY

The first intimation of what was coming was given us when we were suddenly shifted from the road through a valley which was being heavily shelled by the enemy. We lined up on the ridge and at 5:30 our barrage dropped and we advanced. In this battle we sustained very heavy losses, as the enemy's position was almost impregnable and very difficult of access. Climbing the bullet-swept slopes was a husky job for a man in perfect health under normal conditions, but for the troops who stormed these slopes, tired tho they were, it was a wonderful feat of physical prowess.

While some of the company were fighting along Chipilly ridge, and along the Bray-Corbie Road, digging at night, every hour busily engaged, some 28 of their comrades were witnessing an event pregnant with historic interest. For the first time a monarch of a foreign power, once the nation's bitterest enemy, was bestowing decorations upon certain American soldiers who had fought side by side with the troops of the British Empire, and whose deeds of valor were such as not only to evoke the highest praise, but to cause the King of England himself to present these symbols of courage to these troops. Ten men of E company were thus rewarded.

The ceremony of presentation was witnessed by our Commander-in-chief, General John J. Pershing, our division commander, Major General Bell, and other distinguished American and British General Officers and their staffs. The contingent of ceremonial troops immediately went up to the line and were a welcome reinforcement.

LE MORT HOMME

The latter part of September the company was located in Bois de Bourrus near Forts Bourrus and Marre.

These forts were part of the chain of forts constituting the defenses of Verdun. The entire battalion was billeted in a huge dugout, lighted by electricity. The time was spent in reconnoitering the reserve line and in practicing with automatic rifles, grenades, etc. Jerry's aeroplanes were considerably active and after seeing us at drill, his batteries thumped away at us every night. While we were in this position, the battle of St. Mihiel was fought, and although our division was designated as part of the reserve for this action, we were not used.

In a few days such things as pyrotechnics, panels, etc., commenced to arrive with the rations and we got a hunch that there was another hop over coming. We seemed to sense that this was to be a "big stunt" and were confident because we knew that being a big stunt it would be well planned.

The march from the reserve line at Bois de Bourrus was made under very adverse weather conditions. A penetrating cold wind was blowing and would bring with it occasional gusts of rain that soaked and chilled us. Winding in and out of the train of caissons, artillery pieces, camions and trucks, we finally reached a shattered support trench on Le Mort Homme. This trench was knee-deep in mud and the soil had been churned so often that it had no consistency, and it was impossible to dig shelves upon which to place equipment. During the following day we moved up and had a better trench; also a better view of our surroundings.

On the left in the Bois de Corbeaux (which literally translated means Ravenswood) only a few cracked stumps remained of what had once been a magnificent forest. The tortured slopes of Dead Man's hill had the appearance of having been ground to powder and the entire surface of the hill was covered by pock marks—

shell holes connecting with each other on all sides. One single stone is all that is left of the village of Cumieres, there being absolutely nothing to indicate that a village was ever there, as the entire surroundings had been shattered and blasted off the earth during four years of violent bombardment.

Those few days on Le Mort Homme were busy days, indeed, as we were drawing extra ammunition, bombs, pyrotechnics, etc., as well as observing usual trench routine. A German raiding party was frustrated in an attempt on a portion of the front line trench. They were met with a hot fire of everything that could be fired, one signaller firing his Very pistol point blank, much to the delight of his comrades, who appreciated the stupefaction of the enemy at this unique use of signal lights.

While we were preparing, our artillery was being placed in position and everything made ready for the big show. The position of the enemy was excellent, so much so that he had been able to withstand the heaviest attacks delivered by the French who had fought so desperately to oust him. Forges Creek and a swamp were part of his accessory defenses, and a maze of barbed wire in front of his trenches strengthened the position tremendously.

Our artillery barrage commenced at 12:30 a. m. September 26th, at first only long range guns firing but gradually increasing in intensity. We had crouched in the hop-off trench all night long—if Jerry had used wisdom he could have dropped a barrage on this trench which would have placed all of us on the casualty list. Jerry chose to be considerate, and at 5:30 a. m. we climbed over, found the paths which our working party had cut through our wire and advanced in the bright moon-light across "Nobody-land" until we reached the swamp. The First Gas-Regiment furnished a smoke-screen under cover of which we crossed the swamp and reached the take-off line. The barrage was furnished by French "75's" and one large naval gun, whose peculiar metallic clang was a welcome sound, because it kept going in front of us at regular intervals. Every time a naval shell exploded some doughboy would sing out, "Atta boy gob, bust 'em open." A seven kilometer advance was made and the final objective attained before schedule time. Many prisoners, machine guns, field pieces, etc., were captured during this engagement.

Arrived at the final objective, digging in commenced on a line along the west bank of the Meuse river. The boys commenced this job without undue haste, but when a battery of enemy whiz-bangs opened fire and came oh so close, the trenches were dug in record time.

Because of the rapidity of the advance, our transport failed to appear with rations, and for three days we subsisted on Jerry rations—"Kanned Wilhelm" the boys called it.

Throughout the advance, our aeroplanes carefully watched and guided our assaulting waves. On one occasion, when the barrage had become a little ragged and lost its intensity and there was danger of the troops running into it, the planes buzzed back and in a few seconds the barrage had again lifted and thickened. Signal liaison between the planes and the assaulting waves operated perfectly, which prompted one of the men to remark "All of my life I have heard about guardian angels, but this is the first time I have ever seen one."

Eleven days were put in in the support line, during which time we changed positions twice, at much expense of temper, each move bringing us to a more unsatisfactory place as regards living conditions. The construction of bivouacs and other work necessary to make the trench habitable had to be done at night and no sooner was it under way when orders were received to dig a new line of resistance.

Succeeding nights were spent on this work—cold, miserable nights, under gas and shell fire.

On the morning of October 8th after receiving word of a coming hop and spending the preceding night in securing ammunition and such other supplies as were available, we advanced and took shelter in the front edge of Forges Woods, awaiting word as to what time we were to go over.

EAST BANK OF THE MEUSE

All day we waited until at four o'clock we received word that the engineers had finally succeeded in throwing a narrow bridge across the Meuse river about 800 yards down stream from the town of Consenvoye.

Constant exposure to cold, rainy weather, living for six weeks in fox-holes and mud bivouacs on insufficient rations, the boys were not in the best condition for the coming fight; however, the sight of the 132nd Infantry advancing inspired the men with the desire to help them get there, and they crossed the Meuse under heavy shell-fire and advanced steadily to a point about two kilometers east of Consenvoye, advancing beyond the normal objective. The advance to this point had been accomplished without any casualties.

Trenches were dug during the night, more ammunition brought up, patrols sent out and on the following morning the three battalions covering a front of nearly five kilometers advanced under an exceedingly thin and very erratic barrage, which we would have gladly dispensed with. The advance continued until the enemy main line of resistance was encountered, and here there developed some of the fiercest and hardest-fought contests of the war. The next morning additional troops arrived and carried the final objective.

The enemy fiercely disputed our possession of the new line and continually harrassed the line with heavy shelling, gas, and bombing by aeroplanes. It was, therefore, with a deep feeling of gratitude that we noticed the sky darkened by a fleet of about 180 allied aeroplanes and we rejoiced that soon Jerry would be getting his. We listened intently for the noise of exploding bombs, but were amazed to see our aerial fleet winging back—they had dropped propaganda over the enemy lines. If this effort on their part discouraged the enemy half as much as it discouraged us, no doubt it was a successful venture. In retaliation Jerry's planes came over again, but they dropped iron-bound propaganda which tore holes in the ground ten feet in diameter.

Relief came on the night of October 14th and we recrossed the Meuse and took up a position in reserve from which we were relieved by French troops and started the march back to what we supposed was to be a good long rest. Two nights and two days of marching ensued. The men were dazed with exhaustion when they finally arrived at Camp Gibraltar, where they rested for one day, drilled one day and on the following day again marched toward the lines, this time to a quiet sector.

While halting for supper, just outside of Lacroix, two colored troopers laden with huge packs ambled past; in response to the query "Hey smudge, where you all goin'," they stated: "We's gwine to 'ad the line, we is" and passed down the road toward the front. Shortly thereafter the guns commenced the opening number of the regular evening hymn of hate on the distant front and we were amazed to see the two darkies streaking back along the road. Again the query "Where you all goin', blue skin?" But the answer this time was "Nevah mind, where we's goin'—we was goin' de wrong way!"

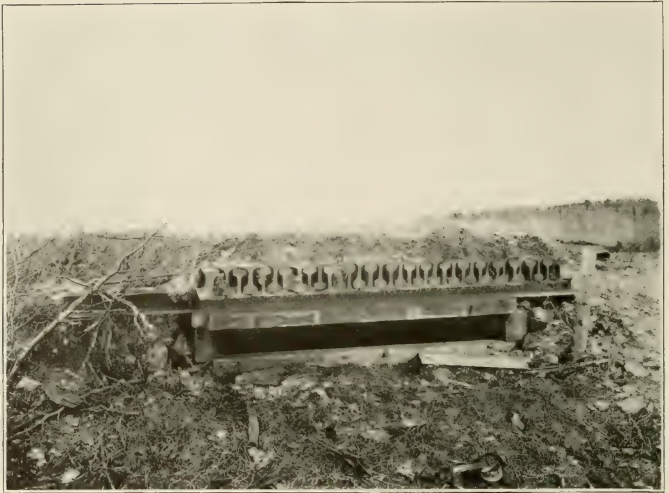
A long chilly hike brought us into Chaillon where we billeted for the night and the next day relieved the French in the new sector which, as previously remarked was very quiet. One of the French soldiers attempted to explain the situation in this way: "Secteur tranquille: la guerre tres jolie: entre soldat Americain: la guerre comme ca: Boom Boom, toute de suite." This much of the French language together with many impressive gestures illustrated conditions and we got the idea pretty well. The Frenchman proved to be possessed of prophetic vision, altho the "boom boom" did not start immediately. In fact, we were surprised by being relieved after two days, when we proceeded to Deuxnouds and found billets on the hillside. Our numbers were very small and we received a replacement of ninety-one men. We were again ordered to the line and after two days of support line duty we relieved F company on the outpost line at Wadonville. This outpost covered a front of nearly three kilometers and was held down by one officer and ninety-seven men. The balance of the company had been left in the support line for use in raiding parties. The next morning the "boom boom" started with a vengeance. In addition to regular outpost duty we were busy night and day furnishing covering parties for machine guns for raiding parties and patrols, not only from our own regiment, but from the 130th as well. This activity drew a constant and severe shelling with heavy stuff and on the night of November 9th the strongest gas concentration we had ever witnessed was dropped on Wadonville and the right section zone of patrols near Doncourt with the result that a number had to be evacuated badly gassed, altho the remainder stuck to their posts. On the tenth, F Company occupied St. Hilaire, but it was necessary to maintain outpost line to prevent possible enemy attempt to flank the town. The morning of the eleventh found us still holding the outpost line, while F Company attacked Butgniveville and it was a thoroughly exhausted E company that received the news of the armistice at 11:00 o'clock. In the meantime the troops that had been left in the support line had participated in one raid after another, also in the attack of November 10th and 11th.

NARRATIVE OF CAPT. C. M. GALE OF COMPANY C

ACTION OF OCT. 10, 1918

About the middle of the afternoon, October 9th, 1918, I received orders from the Battalion commander to move my company, which was at that time located in dugouts in the west end of the Bois de Forges to the east bank of the Meuse and occupy a section of Balis trench about a kilo directly north of Brabant. We moved out at once by platoons and completed the occupation of designated trenches about dark. The crossing of the flat of the Meuse river was accomplished within plain view of the enemy and under his constant shell fire. In moving up the ravine south of Consenvoye we received considerable shelling by whiz-bangs from the Bois de Brabant. The movement was accomplished however without casualties.

About midnight I received orders to report to the Regimental P. C. where brief instructions were issued to battalions and company commanders, concerning the action about to be taken. From Regimental P. C. the battalion commander took the company commanders of the 1st Battalion to the P. C. of Company "A" in Hecalae trench where instructions to effect as follows were issued, these instructions being based upon the typed regimental order: Companies will move via Consenvoye and the Consenvoye-Etraye road and take up a position in rear of Cable trench occupied by the companies of the 132nd Infantry—Battalion front will extend from



GERMAN MACHINE GUN POST, BOIS DE CHAUME

Grid 23 to Grid 24. The attack will start at 6:10 a. m. when the battalion will leap frog the 132nd Infantry and advance due north thru Bois Plat Chene. The final objective was stated as a meandering line running east from Sivry following in general the Sivry-Reville road. Disposition of the Battalion for the attack was directed as follows: Assaulting companies, right half of battalion front, Company "D" left half Company "A"; supporting companies to follow assaulting companies at about 500 meters. Company "B" in rear of Company "D" and Company "C" in rear of Company "A". The 3rd Battalion, 131st Infantry was to advance abreast of us on our left through Bois de Chaume and the 115th Infantry of the 29th Division, abreast of us on our right. Upon my suggestion that we could save a two to three kilometers march over congested roads and thru the constantly shelled village of Consenvoye-Etraye road, I was advised that we would have to move thru Consenvoye as that was so ordered by higher authorities; also that we would pick up guides at Consenvoye. Had this additional marching not been required our battalion could have been in position an hour sooner, and in much better condition than they were. No guides were found at Consenvoye. We arrived in our positions in rear of Cable trench shortly after daylight and but a few minutes before the time set for the movement forward. No guides or other assistance of any kind were given the companies, each company having to locate itself wholly through its own efforts and by aid of the map.

After allowing the assaulting companies a lead of 500 meters Company "C" with Company "B" on the right started the advance, moving at the rate of march prescribed. We found the woods much more dense and impassable than the map seemed to show, paths, roads, etc., all ran toward the northwest, making it very difficult to keep the advance headed in a northerly direction. The density of the woods was so great that it was with great difficulty that the four platoons of the

company were able to keep in touch with one another. During their advance through the woods no contact was had with any other troops. Company "B" on our right, Company "A" to our left, or the 3rd battalion to our left. Considerable machine gun fire was encountered to our right and right front during our advance through the woods, but this seemed to come from rather long range and no casualties resulted, nor did it delay in any way our advance. Upon arriving at the north edge of the Bois Plat Chene, with our right resting on the ravine Du Plat-Chene, I found Capt. Wilson with one platoon of "A" company. The edge of the woods at this point was being rather heavily machine gunned from the orchard and small woods on the opposite side of the ravine and from the top of the hill. The entire ravine and woods were being heavily shelled from the north and northeast. The hill on the opposite side of the ravine contained quite a number of Germans in a seemingly disorganized condition. At this point I gave our 4th platoon to Capt. Wilson, thus giving him two platoons, so we could continue the advance in the original formation. I also sent Lt. Rinkliff to the right to locate Companies "D" and "B." Capt. Wilson crossed the valley under the covering of fire of our remaining three platoons and occupied a position on the edge of the hill just west of the small woods to the south of Magenta Farm. I joined him on this line with our other three platoons a few moments later. While this position had cover from fire from the front, it was entirely open to a steady stream of fire from the woods about a kilometer to the east, as well as from the entrenched position a few hundred yards east of Magenta Farm. Companies "B" or "D," as well as the other three platoons of Company "A" were not in evidence, nor was there any sign of any other friendly troops whatever on our right.

The northeast corner of the Bois Plat Chene was swarming with the enemy. As our right was entirely open, and as the battalion commander was not present, I directed Capt. Wilson to take up a position with the platoon which he had with him, facing east in the small woods. This he did, advancing to a position on the road running south from Magenta Farm, with his left resting on the north edge of the woods. Company "C" advanced by individual men to the brow of the hill and occupied positions in shell holes slightly south of the St. Pantaleon-Magenta Farm road. Company headquarters was established in the northwest corner of the little woods south of Magenta Farm. A number of prisoners were captured when taking up this position and were utilized in carrying back wounded. During the whole morning this hill was under a constant hail of machine gun fire, as well as fire from heavy minenwerfers from the northeast. Most of our casualties, however, came from individual machine gun sniping from points in the woods to our right rear. We were also subjected to incessant machine gun fire from enemy aeroplanes, which were very active. No friendly plane appeared till nearly noon, and at no time at all were our planes active. About 10 a. m. I received a machine gun bullet in my right forefinger, which left me in such a condition that I felt that I could be of little further use on the line. I therefore turned my map and orders over to Lt. Horton, who was the only officer I had, Lt. Rinkliff not having yet returned from his reconnaissance. Before I was able to leave for the dressing station Lt. Horton had been shot thru the leg, though he was still able to carry on. This, of course, necessitated my remaining. About a half hour later Lt. Horton received another, a shot in the head, which left him unconscious and from which he died late in the afternoon. I was not able to recover my maps and orders from him and was forced to go through the rest of the operation without maps, all other maps extending only as far north as a point about a kilometer to our rear.

About 11 a. m. Lt. Rinkliff reported back from his reconnaissance, stating that

he had not been able to locate either "D" or "B" companies or any elements of the 29th Division. He also reported the fact that the entire northeast portion of Bois Plat-Chene was occupied by the enemy in considerable force. On the tip of the hill to our left we were in contact with a combat group of Company M, and the valley to our left rear seemed to be swarming with our troops.

As Lt. Rinkliff reported shortly after Lt. Horton had been mortally wounded, I directed him to take over Lt. Horton's command of the front line. He, however, was wounded by a bullet through the leg while moving forward, which left him so that he could not stand or walk. During the entire morning there was no time at which we did not have several wounded who could not walk waiting to be taken to the rear. Our own litters were soon all gone. The more serious cases thereafter were sent to the rear on improvised litters, I being unable to procure any more from the rear. The sending of the wounded back depleted our already small force so that our line was extremely thin. The company was holding a front of about 600 meters.

Shortly after noon a supporting battalion came up, and at my suggestion took up a position facing east on the right of the platoon of Company "A." My idea and desire was for them to continue advancing east, clearing out the enemy, who were firing at us from the north edge of the woods.

This, however, they did not do, contenting themselves with forming a line abreast of Capt. Wilson's platoon. This, however, gave us a feeling of much greater security, as we were sure that our right rear was taken care of. Our battalion commander came up with this supporting battalion and established a P. C. at the north edge of Bois Plat-Chene at about Grid 23 about noon. I learned that Companies "D" and "B," as well as the other three platoons of Company "A," were in the ravine with the third battalion about a kilo to our left. During the afternoon I sent several requests to the battalion commander to move these companies into our own area, thus re-enforcing Company "C" and the one platoon of Company "A." This, however, was not done. About dusk the enemy laid down a severe strafing on our front line, and there was considerable movement along the sunken roads and trenches to our front and right front, every indication pointing to a counter attack. I directed that the heaviest possible fire be directed at any and all movements in the enemy's line. No counter attack, however, developed.

Shortly after dark a machine gun captain came up, stating he had a machine gun company, and asking if there was anything he could do. I took quick advantage of his offer, and he disposed of his guns along our entire company front. This gave me a feeling of security, and as my hand was becoming very painful I requested Capt. Wilson to give me Lt. Belt to take command of Company "C." This he did, giving not only Lt. Belt but Lt. Belt's platoon, which was put in to re-enforce our line. I left for the rear a couple of hours after dark, getting back to the 132nd First Aid Station at Consenvoye about 4 a. m. next morning.

NARRATIVE OF FIRST LIEUTENANT FRED L. RINKLIFF.

THE HAMEL ACTION.

On the evening of June 30 Company C, less various sick men, together with Company E, proceeded to Allonville, preparatory to joining the Australians for their Fourth of July attack. That night Pierregot was heavily bombed by aeroplanes. The following day at 10:30 the remainder of C company men, who were attached to D company, were directed to proceed to Allonville and join their former outfits, arriving there that evening. The next morning I was directed to report

with my platoon to A company of the Forty-second Australian Battalion, commanded by Capt. Warry, where we were given instructions relative to the plan of attack, the same being later worked out in detail, following which the Australian adjutant assembled all officers and men of that battalion, and by aid of a black-board gave an illustrated lecture of the plan of attack. The next day the outfit was issued grenades and ammunition preparatory to proceeding to the front. We left Allonville shortly after midday and about 3 p. m. that afternoon we camped along the Somme river for a few hours' rest, and later moving on to the town of Bouzencourt, between which place and the town of Corbie we were to occupy a position in the front line trenches, the relief of which was completed about 2:30 a. m. the morning of July 3rd.

Shortly following this the Australian stretcher bearers carried back an Aussie, who had been wounded by a grenade while on patrol, and some time during the day an Aussie adjutant and Major Cheney were both struck by exploding shrapnel, killing the adjutant and seriously wounded the major. Our orders were to vacate the trenches at 1 a. m. and proceed to the tape, preparatory to attacking. Previous to our departure the men were given a hot meal and supplied with forty-eight hours' dry rations. They carried in addition to other equipment either a pick-axe or shovel. We arrived at our position on the tape at 3 a. m. and found that many troops had already taken up a position along their respective fronts.

The enemy evidently did not anticipate an attack in view of the fact that only an occasional burst of machine gun fire was heard, this being more for effect; his patrols returning reported all clear, and as further evidence that no German patrols were operating on our front at the time he persisted in firing illuminating rockets at irregular intervals. The barrage was to fall at 3:10 a. m. During the evening word was sent from brigade headquarters that platoon and company commanders would be held responsible for the losses in their platoons, due to the fact of getting their men too close to the barrage, as the eighteen-pounders up to this time had not registered accurately on the barrage line. This brought forth a surprising incident in that when the barrage fell it had been figured so accurately that it was almost a straight line of bursting shells a hundred yards in advance; "155's" playing on the trenches, with the heavies playing the back areas. The barrage was to move at the rate of 100 yards every four minutes for the first thirty-six minutes, following which it was to play for ten minutes on the front line. About this time the tanks, which were to precede the attacking troops, passed through our lines, proceeding to wipe out strong points. The attack at this point had advanced 1,000 yards and was just starting to ascend a rolling slope on top of which a German outpost was located, slightly in rear of which was an old well-organized trench position, used by the French in 1914 and which at this time was again held by the German troops. The advance was very steady and unflinching, and as we started to ascend the slope the first German prisoners, nine in number, came down over the bank to surrender. The wire entanglements which were encountered in this vicinity were in places blown to pieces by shell fire or mashed down by tanks, making passage easy. The sector of trench assigned to A company of the 42nd Battalion was taken over without any difficulty. The few Germans who were left unwounded either came over and surrendered or beat a hasty retreat in the haze which at the time was hanging over the surrounding country.

The position of A company of Australians in the attack was first and second platoons in the attacking waves, followed at fifteen yards by Lewis gun squads. Following Lewis gun squads at twenty-five yards was the third platoon of Australians, first platoon of Company C, both of which were in line of combat groups.

Upon reaching our objective the Australian platoon on left of the attacking waves was to advance 200 yards in front of our first line of resistance, taking up outpost positions. While the third Australian platoon, which until this time was advancing in support abreast of Company C platoon, was to place itself in line with the remaining platoon that formed the attacking wave, while the C company platoon was to take an immediate support position about 100 yards in rear of and overlooking the front line positions. Two hundred yards in the rear the support troops were to take position.

The enemy artillery must have been disorganized, as no harassing fire was laid upon the trench positions we were constructing until they were almost completed, or about 9 a. m., when he began to occasionally harass our positions with whizbangs. At this time the enemy was visible. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon our artillery laid a heavy barrage on his back areas. We were informed later that it was the result of information handed in by observers, that beyond the hill he was massing considerable numbers for a counter-attack, which evidently was broken up, for the attack did not materialize. The aeroplanes were very active throughout the morning except about 10:30 a. m., when a considerable number of German planes were flying about.

Later on one of our aeroplanes flying too low over our trenches came within the arc described by our artillery fire, with the result that the top of the plane was struck by one of our shells and cut in half, the plane collapsing like a closing book and describing circles in an effort to land safely, but when about 200 feet from the ground the aviator lost control and the plane fell to the ground in a heap. A little later another of our planes was shot down.

The eight tanks which assisted in our attack were also loaded with surplus ammunition, which they left behind when they retired to the rear. Also throughout the day planes brought up ammunition and dropped it to us by means of parachutes. About 10:30 p. m. a considerable fire opened up on our right. Not knowing the situation and seeing an S. O. S. go up, which was evidently responded to by our artillery with a heavy barrage, our troops opened up with a very general fire, which lasted for about ten minutes, but gradually died down. Later on a patrol was sent out and brought back the information that everything was quiet.

Next day passed very quietly, there simply being an occasional harassing fire. The Germans today were visible to our right and left in the woods along the Somme about 1,200 yards in advance of our line. Evidently an outpost was located there. The following night patrols were sent out as usual, but reported all quiet. Nothing unusual happened. The following day passed about the same as the previous day, with everything quiet.

The rations on this particular occasion were very capably handled. The forty-eight-hour ration which we were told would have to suffice during the time we were to hold the line proved to be extra rations, for each night ration-carrying parties brought us up a hot meal with two dry rations for the next day, as well as an ample supply of water. That evening we were sent word that relief would arrive at 10:30 that night. Guides were sent back, and as scheduled the relief was on time. The positions were taken over by relieving troops in a very easy manner, each platoon on completion of the relief having orders to report back separately to Bouzencourt, where C company platoons were once more to rejoin the remainder of the company. Arriving at the designated point I was not able to locate the entire company, and together with Lieut. Heyl and his platoon we proceeded to retrace our steps along the Somme to Daours, where we met the remainder of the company the next morning. We arrived about 6:30 a. m. after a very tiresome

march and were a few minutes later met by the remainder of the company, where trucks were waiting to take us back to Pierregot.

THE CHIPILLY ACTION.

During the nights of the fifth and sixth of August considerable numbers of British troops were seen moving forward along the various roads toward the Picardy front. The impression prevailed that an offensive was about to begin, at the same time artillery movement in various directions was very active.

On the night of August 7th the First Battalion, 131st Infantry, moved forward to Baizieux sector for what was supposed at that time to be a four-day period of training in reserve trenches. Intrenching tools were left behind, as we were told at that time that they would not be needed. The battalion arrived at its sector about 1:30 a. m., taking up positions extending from Laveville Hennencourt road to the left in the direction of Warloy, which positions were occupied until the next morning. Previous to this time Warloy had not been shelled by the enemy and was still inhabited by a considerable number of natives. About 4 a. m., in company with Capt. Porter, visited Warloy in an effort to locate the ration cart and cook shack of our company, and discovered that following the offensive that started this morning that the Germans had destroyed several plaster houses in Warloy by shell fire.

About 10:30 our battalion moved over to the right of the Laveville road and extended their positions in a line of reserve trenches running from northwest to southeast and parallel to the front. At this time the offensive started, preceded by an intense barrage, which evidently met with success, for throughout the day both moving troops and artillery, as well as the scattering units of allied forces, could be seen moving over the east of the hill beyond the River Ancre.

That night our battalion once more moved and took up a position with our left resting directly upon the Albert-Amiens road, extending to the right along a series of defensive trenches towards the town of Dernancourt. That night about 1 o'clock a runner from battalion headquarters arrived at our platoon P. C. and directed that the company join the battalion at Heilly and that the troops would start to move immediately. I sent word to Capt. Gale that the company would form, and received answer that he knew nothing concerning the troop movement; that the runner who spoke to me was not a battalion runner but a company runner, who thought that at the time he was reporting to me he was reporting to company headquarters. The company then moved forward according to company commander's instructions in the direction of Dernancourt. Becoming confused in directions the company was placed alongside an old cemetery, behind some large caliber and very active British artillery to rest until daylight. When daylight came we retraced our steps through Biure Sur L'Ancre to Heilly, where we met up with other detachments of the regiment, who informed us that the battalion was proceeding to Sally-Le-Sec by a different route. Crossing the River Ancre at this point we proceeded across country to the main Bray-Corbie road, where we connected up with a second-class road running to Sally-Le Sec; much destroyed artillery and dead horses were lying around the country in this strip. Arriving at Sally-Le Sec we discovered that the remainder of the troops had not arrived. The town was literally torn to pieces. Passing through the town we occupied some German trenches just beyond the outskirts and went into rest. At this time the sun was very hot and the men all went to sleep, waking about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. I went out

to sit along the side of the road, along which several British ammunition trucks and convoys were moving forward to the front, when a British staff car came driving back hurriedly from the front, stopped and inquired of me for the P. C. of the regimental commander and on receiving the information proceeded post-haste in that direction. About one hour afterward the car came back and following it half an hour later our intelligence department came around distributing maps to the officers showing our jumping off positions and our parallel lines of advance. The barrage was to fall at 5:30 p. m., which necessitated a hurried march upon the part of our men, it being necessary for the last half mile or so to double time in order to jump off at the zero hour. Sally Laurette and other points through which we passed were very badly shot up. At this time our ration limbers had not been seen since the night before and all the Lewis gun pans were on those limbers. Discovering that we were about to participate in warfare we proceeded to salvage thirteen or fourteen Lewis gun pans, which I distributed among our company, and which proved very valuable in view of the fact that we had a lot of ammunition on our persons.

We arrived at our jumping off place, which was the crest of the hill just in front of Malard wood, and moving in the general direction of Eitnehem, our objective, which was not reached till next morning. Our battalion went into the engagement with A and D companies as attacking troops, with B and C in support. A considerable amount of minenwerfer fire began to fall on our left as soon as the advance started, but executing a movement to the right this fire was escaped to a large extent. After the attacking troops had advanced through Malard wood coming out at the edge along the sunken road looking across the valley on the opposite crest the enemy was still present in considerable number and held up our advance. Passing through Malard woods there was considerable evidence of an engagement between both sides from the destroyed machine guns, Lewis guns and three light batteries. As we deployed and advanced through the woods the enemy on the opposite slope began to harass us with machine gun fire from long range positions across the valley. Capt. Porter, then in command of C company, held up the advance of the company temporarily and directed that the woods to the right be reconnoitered for a safer means of approach to the sunken road.

Going forward with Sergt. Hobscheid I discovered a large ditch running down through the woods and coming out on the sunken road behind some bushes. Here I discovered one platoon of D company extended in skirmish formation along the sunken road, with three British machine gun men occupying a post just above them in the woods. Lieut. Postal at that time was commanding this platoon, and upon my arrival he was still on duty with the platoon, although he had previously been wounded by machine gun fire. Across the valley about 400 yards in a direct airline the Germans were plainly visible hiding in the tall grass and bushes, also a considerable body about 1,000 yards to our left were moving in the direction of Gressaire wood.

We then went back and reported our findings to Capt. Porter, who moved the company down in column of files through the ravine to the road and extended the company in one single line of skirmishers to the left of the D company platoon along the sunken road. After extending in line of skirmishers the entire line of troops as one man started forward down the slope across the valley, increasing their speed and cheering in proportion to the distance covered. By this time the remainder of the Germans scattered along the crest beat a hasty retreat to the rear except one, who evidently had no desire to retreat, but remained in a prone position on the crest of the hill until our troops had reached the foot, when he came

running down with his hands up. Arriving at the foot of the hill our men slowly advanced to the crest, where scouts were thrown out to advance along the rolling ground to our front to endeavor to locate the enemy. The remainder of the troops were organized in two waves and moved forward again across the plateau to the left of Chipilly and in the direction of the Somme river, coming out were the Chipilly-Eitnehem road meets the Somme river.

There many dugouts were discovered. Some 350 prisoners were taken from these. Here darkness overtook us, and not being able to make further advance because of this and also because of the fact that the terrain was entirely new to us, outposts were thrown out and the remainder of the company turned in for a rest. One outpost was placed at the junction of the road which crosses the Somme river leading to Mericourt-sur-Somme. This outpost position during the night captured a German prisoner attempting to escape across the Somme river. He evidently was very badly excited or temporarily insane, for he dropped on his knees on the road and immediately began crying frantically to spare his life; he also informed them that if they would accompany him he would take them to another dugout further back in the enemy line, where about seventy-five Germans were quartered. Our outpost positions extending to the left of the road connected up with some scattering British positions, and beyond these were some outpost positions of two platoons of G company under Lieut. Dick, stationed in the vicinity of the stone quarries.

About 2:30 a. m. that morning hot rations came up. The men were then rationed and immediately prepared to move ahead to our objective. The movement began about 4 o'clock that morning. For this further advance it was necessary to move to the left flank so that we could move forward parallel to the river; the advance then started through Gressaire wood, with Company C in the attacking wave on the extreme right flank. Gressaire wood was very badly shattered by artillery fire, with here and there wounded and dead Germans scattered about. Coming out of Gressaire wood C company moved forward through the open, with left of the battalion continuing the advance through Bois Des Thilles. No enemy was encountered by C company during the advance until they had reached the open, when about six men were seen to jump up about 400 yards ahead and beat a hasty retreat. Coming up to the place from where the enemy was seen to appear there was evidence of their having been there throughout the night. Crossing the old trenches at this place we continued on for about a hundred yards, when a church tower became visible in the fog. Immediately I informed Capt. Gale that a village existed to our right front and was then told that if such was the case we had reached our objective, the village of Eitnehem.

At this time a considerable number of Germans were seen coming out of the village. They entrenched parallel to our front and opened fire with machine guns. The men immediately took available cover and proceeded to place the Lewis guns and opened fire upon the enemy. About this time the enemy began to shell us with "pineapple" from the village of Eitnehem, wounding one of the men in my platoon. The two Lewis guns of my platoon, which were operating on the right of the line, were in such a position to render flank fire on the German machine gun, and after a few minutes of firing on both sides the enemy was seen to leave his trenches and return to the rear. About this time Capt. Gale, who was at that time with Company Headquarters, was occupying a system of reserve trenches fifty yards in our rear and directed that because of the shelling going on in our midst that the troops should retire to those trenches, where we established our line of resistance, keeping the same as a front line for thirty-six hours. C company was extended

in a line running from the Somme across the plateau and connecting with B company on our left. Several aeroplanes were in the vicinity (destroyed planes); a French plane directly in front of left of the company, a German plane directly in front of right of the company, while to the rear along the Somme was a Canadian plane. The greater portion of the company was up on the plateau and in such a position that they could not look down directly on the town.

I happened to have an admirable post for observation. I was occupying with nine of my men an outpost position in a bush on the bank along the Somme river and could look down on the town of Eitnehem and from which place we could observe all enemy movements in that direction. At the time we retired to this position the Germans were unable to really locate where we had settled, for we had no sooner established ourselves in this post when we heard voices from the sunken road to our left, about seventy-five yards away, and a few minutes later a couple of German helmets were visible sticking over the top, looking in the opposite direction endeavoring to locate our lines. Not being armed with a rifle, I notified the men in our trench of the presence of a patrol. They evidently overheard my voice, for about that time they looked in our direction. In the meantime Private Dempster secured a rifle and was about to fire at the patrol, but they immediately dropped from view and disappeared. About twenty minutes later near the other end of the sunken road and close to the vicinity of the village a German patrol could be seen running along the crest toward Eitnehem. The information this patrol had gathered must have been transmitted to the artillery, for we were almost constantly harassed by artillery fire. That night patrols were kept out in our front, while the remainder of our men, except the sentry, busied themselves with reconstructing our dilapidated trench. Throughout the night German bombing planes paid us several visits, but inflicted no damage.

During the night I sent a detail of two men down to our right rear to fill the canteens and coming back they reported that a wounded American was lying in one of the dugouts calling for water. Going down to investigate I discovered Lieut. Lee, of Company G, lying on a cot with a sick German. He had a stomach wound and was in a state of semi-consciousness, for in his talk he seemed to have a vague idea of what happened, for he claimed to have been captured by the Germans and left behind. He also said he had been there three days, which evidently was an error, for he could not have been there over twenty-four hours at the longest, since barely a day had elapsed since beginning our attack. I immediately sent back for stretcher bearers to carry the wounded officer back to the dressing station (Australian). Both patients died later. Next morning, just about stand-to, as the fog began to lift sufficiently to allow a person to see any distance, a considerable number of dark objects were plainly visible about 100 yards in our front in well organized formation. I immediately ordered the Lewis guns and all the rifles in our trench to open up with point blank fire, but there was no result. After emptying a couple of pans on the Lewis guns it suddenly dawned upon us that the day before a young fruit orchard was seen in this vicinity, accounting for the dark objects which were seen on our front. Our burst of fire had evidently created excitement on our left, for a few Lewis guns opened up with a scattering fire along the front, which did not cease until we silenced our guns.

The following day was passed very quietly, as no rations had arrived the night before to cause any one any stomach pains from overeating. The following evening about 10:30 an Australian battalion leap-frogged through our lines, accompanied by two tanks, and made a silent attack on the village of Eitnehem, going in on our left, taking over the entire town and establishing outposts around the front of the

town. The German bombing planes were again active throughout the night, it being one of their favorite stunts to fly along the course of the Somme river, guided by the moonlight on the water. Next morning at dawn the Australian signalmen were stringing a telephone line up to the front line positions. Had we had telephone communications the day previous we could have annihilated an entire battalion of Germany infantry, which was moving in plain view in column of squads from across the Somme, going along the road in the direction of Bray-Sur-Somme. This evidently was a battalion of men at least, for it took about twenty minutes for all to pass a given point. Several horsemen were seen. That afternoon considerable excitement prevailed among our men because of the presence of a body of troops seen in the distance on the crest of a hill along the Somme beyond Eitnehem. Because of the distance it was impossible to distinguish whether they were Australians or Germans. Word was sent to Company and Battalion Headquarters of this fact, but a few minutes later some Australians coming from the town of Eitnehem told us it was some of their men taking up a more advanced position with the intent of pushing to the Somme that night. About 12 that night the Australian batteries opened up with a terrific barrage, which continued in intensity for about twenty minutes, then died down to a harassing fire. Nothing was learned concerning the advance until the next morning, when some Australians came back with about 200 prisoners and informed us that they had established their line along the Somme and had either captured, killed or driven off all the Germans on this side of the river. These prisoners were not brought back that night, being used by the Australians in digging trenches until daylight, when they were brought to the rear.

The usual number of air raids were carried on that night with usual results. Next afternoon we were informed that the first battalion was to move forward and take over the front line positions of the Australians, who were retiring for a rest. Companies C and D were to take front line positions, A company taking the line of trenches to the left of Eitnehem, with C company headquarters and the second and fourth platoons in the town of Eitnehem, while the first platoon was to occupy a line of German trenches near a grave yard the other side of the town, with the third platoon occupying a system of trenches about 200 yards to the left.

Eitnehem proved to be a very lively place, for the Germans continually shelled the town with gas and succeeded in gassing the greater portion of the fourth platoon. The relief was made about 10:30 at night and proved to be interesting, for just about the time C company was going to enter the town they were met by a few teams from our battalion transport, who thought it would be a great stunt to once imitate the Australians by hauling rations up to our front line, these teams preceded us into town with rations. Just before the first and third platoons had reached the town of Eitnehem, coming down the sunken road, the Germans began to throw gas into the village, whereupon the transport had decided it had forgotten some of the rations and immediately turned about and proceeded towards the rear post-haste, almost running down some of the men of our company. C company has just gotten comfortably settled in the town, had succeeded in securing a 'phone and established a line of communication with the rear, when orders were received that we were to relieve with our one company a badly depleted battalion of Australians in a front line of trenches just to the right of Eitnehem; consequently Capt. Gale, with a representative from each platoon, who were to act as guides, proceeded in the direction of Bray in an endeavor to locate the battalion we were to relieve. After getting various platoon locations we once more returned to our platoons for the purpose of moving forward to our new positions. About

this time the Germans heavily shelled the town with gas, which resulted in all but twelve men of the fourth platoon being gassed. The relief was accomplished about 1:30 a. m., with one platoon covering each company front held by the Australian battalion. This necessarily meant considerable extension on our part, and the units were broken up into squads and established outposts along the front. These, in most cases, were anywhere from 75 to 125 yards apart. The relief was no sooner completed than the Germans laid down one of the heaviest barrages on our positions which this company has ever suffered; it lasted twenty minutes. Before the opening of the barrage I had gone to the extreme left of the line to report to Capt. Gale, who had sent for me, there being but two officers with the company, one stationed at each end of the line. The lull in the barrage did not last, for there was hardly a sufficient lapse of time intervening to allow me to return to my platoon before he dropped another equal in intensity and length, which gradually died out to a harassing fire. The barrage was of such a nature that we anticipated an attack at that time and the troops stood-to, but nothing further developed. The extreme right outpost of my platoon was located on a peninsular piece of land jutting out into the Somme elevated about fifty feet and gave a wonderful command of the surrounding country. This outpost had evidently been discovered by the Germans the day before, for they laid down a heavy strafing, striking our Lewis gun, destroying it and wounding four men in that squad, one of whom later died. Following the blowing up of the Lewis gun the men placed a captured German machine gun in position, but it was also destroyed by the enemy. The following night the men were withdrawn from this position and placed behind a good screen of bush, and succeeded in remaining in the new position during the rest of our occupation without being discovered by the Germans.

That night our platoons were so small that when ration carrying parties and men necessary for patrols were taken out there was hardly anyone left in the outpost positions for sentry duty. Patrols were kept active throughout the night operating in our front, with visiting patrols operating between outposts and connecting with the extreme left post of D company, which was about 150 yards from our right outpost. The town of Bray was occupied by the Germans, who were plainly visible throughout the day. Each evening a detachment of Germans could be seen coming down from somewhere in the rear to take up their outpost positions for the night, while on different occasions both voices and the rattling of limbers could be heard coming from a densely wooded country across the Somme somewhat beneath our positions. This position was held for four days and nights, and the first three successive evenings an Australian lieutenant came to visit my P. C. for the purpose of determining the number of men available for establishing outpost positions beyond a working party which he was to bring up for the purpose of constructing a wire entanglement across a deep hollow just in front of my position, but each and every night after learning the number of troops in that position he departed, stating he could not afford to place a working party of 100 men in such a position with no stronger position of defense to protect him than existed. Consequently the wiring was never done while we were in this position.

The end of the fourth day and the beginning of the fifth night we were relieved, and just about the time the relief was in progress of being effected the Germans again opened up with a grand and glorious barrage, which lasted some minutes, but without serious results.

Our instructions to platoons were that upon completion of relief we were to report same to Company Headquarters, and proceed as separate units to a point about two kilos to the rear, where we were to meet guides, who would conduct us

to a system of dugouts in the vicinity of Regimental Headquarters, where we were to go into rest for a few days.

We arrived at these dugouts about the break of day, and found waiting for us a good hot meal, following which we turned in for a sleep. Next afternoon I was directed to report to Battalion Headquarters, where I was directed to proceed with one "N. C. O." from each company to a system of trenches and dugouts near Hamel, where we were to secure quarters for troops for the night. The next day the same detail preceded the organization to the town of Aubigny, where quarters were secured for the battalion for the following night. The third day we went ahead to the town of Coisy to secure billets for the battalion, as we were to rest there for a short time.

Two days later I was directed to report to Amiens to the division billeting detail, which was to precede the division then on its way to Verdun sector, where we were to join the newly organized American first army preparatory to starting the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

ACTION OF DEAD MAN'S HILL.

On the evening of Sept. 23rd Capt. Porter received word that the company would move from Fromerville Woods by way of Germonville and Chattancourt to a system of trenches (reserve) near Le Mort Homme. Capt. Porter was placed in command of Companies C and D and directed to join the remainder of the battalion at Germonville, which was proceeding by cross-country from Bois Delolime under command of Capt. Gale, then acting as battalion commander. On arriving at Germonville we found that the other two companies had moved forward because of the congested condition of the roads, and we did not meet them again until we arrived at the trenches we were to occupy on Dead Man's Hill about 2:30 a. m. that morning.

The battalion occupied these trench positions until 1:30 a. m., Sept. 26th, when they moved forward to the jumping-off position. Upon arriving at the jumping-off place we found that our trench positions were completely packed with members of the 80th Division, who evidently were more or less confused and were entirely too far to the right for their front.

Capt. Gale sent forward a detail to locate the position of our attacking troops, which returned with the report that the attacking waves had left their trenches and had taken up their positions for attack. Because of the error of the 80th Division our battalion, which was to support the attacking troops, could not move out at the appointed time, due to the fact that we were crowded behind a machine gun company which was laying a barrage on the Bois de Forges.

This barrage was laid in two places; first a thirty-minute barrage on the German front line trenches, after which it lifted to the Bois de Forges, where it played for twenty minutes. It was only after the barrage lifted that we were able to move out of the trenches and take up our position of attack in support, following the attacking wave at 500 yards distance. After considerable double-timing in single file through various wire entanglements and along the narrow-gauge railway bed, through the swamps and along Forges creek we finally reached our position on the opposite side, where we were to take up a two-wave formation moving forward in support. This movement was all accomplished without any loss of lives, even though there were several wounded men coming back from the attacking waves.

After taking our wave formation, preparatory to moving forward, and because of the haze which came over the entire valley, both from smoke and fog, Capt. Gale ordered that a patrol be sent out from each company to locate the position of the attacking troops. I directed Sergt. Hobscheid to accompany me and advanced about 100 yards, where we met some lost stretcher bearers from Company K, who were returning from taking back wounded and who were unable, in the haze, to locate their company.

About this time we could hear voices and command coming from out the haze in our rear, which convinced us that the battalion was moving forward in support, whereupon we retraced our steps to join the troops and informed both Capt. Porter and Capt. Gale that the attacking waves could not be located. Moving forward with the troops for about 200 or 300 yards, the support met up with the attacking waves, whereupon we informed Capt. Gale that the advance was held up by the slow progress of the attacking waves. About this time the attacking waves moved forward again, followed a little later by the first battalion, which caught up again. They informed us that they were held up by machine gun fire. Word was again sent to Capt. Gale that we had caught up with the attacking waves.

By this time our barrage had moved forward so far in advance of the attacking waves that it was imperative that we move forward if we were to be benefited by it, whereupon Capt. Gale directed that our battalion move forward through the attacking waves and take up the attack. Because of the large amount of territory to be covered, and the density of the haze, it being impossible to see a man over five paces from you, the battalion extended in one thin line of skirmishers moving slowly forward.

Suddenly the haze lifted, and we discovered that we were almost in front of the German trenches. The lifting of the fog seemed to inspire the men with confidence, and they moved forward with a rush. The trenches crossed by my platoon were very deep and difficult to cross, and upon our arriving had been deserted by the Germans, who were then retiring. The artillery barrage in this sector was, on this particular object, very effective, everything being torn up by shell fire.

The disposition of the companies in line was: A, B, C and D, moving in one line of skirmishers. A, becoming engaged with the enemy's strong point in Bois de Forges, later joining us at our objective. D, on our left, becoming engaged with the enemy's strong points near Pont de Tanienee, was held up temporarily and later joined us at our objective. B and C, covering the entire regimental front, moved forward, pinching out the few scattering machine gun posts left by the retiring Germans, B company going through Drillancourt and passing to the right of Gercourt, C company going through Gercourt, executing a turning movement to the right, both companies reaching their objective at 10:30 a. m. Because of the delay of the original attacking waves to follow up the rolling barrage our battalion, after leap-frogging through the former, did not catch up with the barrage until we had reached Gercourt. The barrage at this time had reduced itself to merely a harassing fire. The first and third platoon of C company coming in on the left of Gercourt took the German rear guard posts by surprise and caused them to retire in such haste that they did not have time to dismantle the artillery they were manning at this point. These were the only artillery pieces captured that were not dismantled. At this town Company C captured a German ambulance and three men who were driving rapidly toward the front, evidently not expecting the American troops to be so far advanced at this time of the engagement by the look of surprise on their faces when they drove around the corner.

C company, because of the barrage, could not move forward to its objective.

B company and Battalion Headquarters on the right and moving at right angles to the barrage were able to move forward more rapidly and reached their objective sooner, capturing at this point some 120 prisoners. C company coming up on the right a few minutes later, Capt. Gale directed that both companies prepare their positions for defense. Our position at this point was on the crest of the hill overlooking la Grand Prairie along the Meuse river. The Germans at that time were still holding the depot and vicinity of Laterie de Bethaine and were occasionally enfilading us with machine gun fire from that point, wounding two of our men.

About 1 o'clock p. m. D company and the third battalion came up from the direction of Gercourt, D company taking the line and extending further to our left, while the third battalion organized in depth and took up a position to our left and rear, sending one body of troops over to the left, flanking the depot and silencing the enemy in that position.

Our battalion held this position until the next evening, when they were withdrawn to a support position near Gercourt, being replaced by the third battalion and a few days later were retired to a reserve position in the Bois de Forges.

The work of the troops in this battalion was very satisfactory, the men moving forward and flanking strong points admirably. There seemed to be no hesitation on the part of the men, who were able to handle the proposition of machine gun nests and also to act upon their own initiative when occasion demanded.

THE ACTION EAST OF THE MEUSE.

About 2:30 p. m. word was received by runner to the effect that the first battalion would move through Bois de Forges at once to the east bank of the Meuse river, gathering enroute, at the ammunition dump, bandoliers to the amount of six per man. This accomplished the company moved forward by slow stages to a point just east of the Meuse, where we were met by our company guides, who with Capt. Gale preceded the company earlier in the day to locate our positions.

Our trip over was accomplished without any casualties, although the enemy was laying a harassing artillery fire throughout the valley between Bois de Forges and the Meuse river. The crossing was effected by means of pontoon bridge, about midway between Brabant and Consenvoye. Company C was assigned to a trench sector in trench De Balis, while the third battalion and the remainder of the first battalion occupied the trench of Hercules, directly to our front and along the narrow gauge railway.

About 12 midnight a runner came around and ordered C. O. to report to headquarters of the third battalion, at present the temporary headquarters of the regimental commander. I accompanied Capt. Gale to the meeting and from there to the headquarters of Company A, where our battalion commander transmitted to the platoon commanders the information he had received.

Movement was to start at 2:30 a. m. by way of Consenvoye to the jumping-off position at Trench de Cable, but owing to the excess load of ammunition the men were carrying progress was very slow and difficult. The trip through Consenvoye was accomplished without accident, even though the town was shelled at that time to a considerable extent.

The battalion, owing to the extremely heavy load the men were required to carry, did not arrive at the jumping-off place until about twenty minutes before the zero hour, which at that time of the year was very good day-break; neither did guides meet us to show us our trench assignments, as we were informed they would. It was only after considerable time spent that we were able to locate our trench

positions and assign platoons to their various places. The barrage was to fall at 6:10 a. m. which could not be classed as an artillery barrage—more of a harassing nature. The 29th Division operating on our right seemed to become more or less seriously engaged with the enemy at the outset and were not able to support us on our right flank; this also allowed the enemy to enfilade us from our right from the trench to the woods with considerable machine gun fire. C company on the left support entered the woods at a point extending from about 31.4 to 32.6, with B company supporting us on our right. Our line of advance was directly north, but owing to the density of the woods B company, at some time during the advance through the woods, crossed over to the left front and left our company entirely exposed to the enemy.

After penetrating about one-third the distance we were harassed by considerable machine gun fire from our right, whereupon I sent to the right Sergt. Hobscheid with a combat patrol to determine the location of the enemy; also the position of our supporting troops. He brought back the information that no American troops to our right were visible. In the meantime the machine gunners had evidently deserted their posts. I immediately sent word to Capt. Gale to the effect that we had no support on our right and continued to advance, coming out of the woods with our right flank resting upon the Ravine du Plat-Chene. Here I met the remainder of the company, which was disposed along the front and to the gully on our left. Capt. Gale then directed that I take a small patrol out to the right and endeavor to locate Company B or part of the 29th Division. No Americans were found. Considerable machine gun fire was coming from Vaux de Mille Mais, with the Germans in force and plainly visible scattered along the plateau.

Upon my return to the position occupied by the company I was met by a wounded man coming back from the front, who informed me that because of the fact that there were no troops at that time directly to our front, Capt. Gale, with C company, had advanced up the opposite slope and taken up a position along an irregular line marked as our objective. Also he informed me that at this time both Capt. Gale and Lieut. Horton, with several of the men, were wounded. I directed that a soldier who happened to be there at the time conduct this wounded man to the rear, but they had hardly penetrated woods until the wounded man came back, saying that both the able-bodied man and himself had been fired upon from the woods by a German patrol, wounding the able-bodied man with an explosive bullet. We immediately proceeded to the wounded man's aid with a litter and found that the Germans had in the meantime vacated the vicinity. The German patrol that fired upon these men was operating directly in our rear, through which part we had passed only about two hours before.

After carrying the wounded men to a dugout, where two German Red Cross prisoners were dressing the wounded, our patrol proceeded across the valley to the company position on the hill. About this time a heavy bombardment of minenwerfers and artillery was being laid upon the troops on the hill, while a considerable number of the enemy was seen hastily retreating from their positions on the left of Company C, while to our right and rear coming down from the vicinity of Magenta Farm could be seen considerable numbers of the enemy, who established themselves along the slope to our left rear and were enfilading us with machine gun fire from that point. This particular post wounded several of our men during the day.

I reported back to the company about 11 a. m. I was informed by Capt. Gale that Lieut. Horton was at that time seriously wounded and directed that I take over C company line in an endeavor to organize it. At this time many Germans

were operating in plain view to our right front near LeHaut-Chene and were evidently establishing a line at this point. With the aid of field glasses it was easily possible to distinguish them carrying machine gun ammunition to this point.

Our men at this time were occupying shell holes and deserted German positions. Due to casualties already sustained our lines were very thinly held and were subject to considerable machine gun fire from Villeneuve Farm and Le Haut-Chene, which at this time had begun to open fire and from which point I was wounded a few minutes later.

After returning to Company Headquarters Capt. Gale informed me that he had sent Capt. Wilson through the narrow woods running parallel to our right with a platoon of A company men, who had taken up a position in that vicinity as right flank guard. Later on two different occasions during the afternoon he also sent a runner down to the troops who had retreated to the protection of the hollow to our left, requesting that reinforcements be sent to our badly depleted lines, but received no assistance. About 3:30 p. m. he again sent a written message to Battalion Headquarters with the information that all the officers of Company C were wounded or killed and a considerable portion of the men; that we were able at that time to hold our lines, but that unless re-enforcements were received that evening that we would be compelled to retire. Also about this time a reserve battalion of troops was noticed coming out of the woods at the mouth of Ravine de Plat-Chene, whereupon he sent a runner down to the commander of that organization giving him information of the enemy positions on our right rear and requesting that the enemy in that vicinity be mopped up and a line established to our right flank. They advanced in that direction, but swung to the left, establishing themselves on a line parallel with Capt. Wilson's right. About 5 p. m. two platoons from the body of troops that had retreated to the hollow came up to our assistance and were placed in line to our left; about 5:30 two other litter cases and myself were carried to the rear, reaching the gully on our left about dusk, at which point I noticed an officer and a man coming out of the woods on our left. He informed me that he was a liaison officer and had just returned from that part of the line supposed to have been held by the 29th Division. He informed me that the 29th Division had reached their objectives and our right flank was covered. This evidently was an error. The 29th Division did not reach its objective, and the troops to which he referred to must have been the reserve battalion which had taken position on the right of our line.

Our party of stretcher bearers arrived at the first aid station of the 131st Infantry at Consenvoye at about 11:30 that night, and after passing through the Evacuation Hospital I was sent to Base No. 26, Allerey, France, from which place I was released and returned to my division Dec. 22nd, 1918. I was reassigned to the 131st Infantry.

NARRATIVE OF FIRST LIEUTENANT H. C. de BRUYN

The new organization of the United States Army in 1917, made necessary by the European system of warfare, called for a "Signal Platoon" to be a part of each Infantry regiment. Major Hendron, then captain and adjutant of the 131st Infantry, made known to First Sergt. Herbert C. deBruyn of L Company, 131st Infantry, the new organization, and authorized him to select such men from the regiment that had had telephone or electrical experience, who would qualify as signalmen. This took place in the middle of October, 1917, while the regiment was at Camp Logan, Houston, Tex. Sergt. deBruyn immediately made a canvass

of the men in the regiment, selecting twelve men as a nucleus of the platoon. These men attended a school at the 108th Field Signal Battalion while still with their organizations. Of the original twelve five are still members of the platoon.

The history of the signal platoon of the 131st Infantry begins with the transfer of these men into headquarters company and the formation of a platoon as a distinct unit on November 29th, 1917. The purpose and duties of this platoon were described in a lecture by Maj. Karl Truesdale, then commanding the 108th Field Signal Battalion. This lecture opened the signal school under the supervision of Lieut. DuFour of the French 8th Engineers. The school lasted for a duration of four weeks, and it was during this period that Sergt. deBruyn was commissioned as a first lieutenant and appointed regimental signal officer. On the completion of this school the platoon had increased to sixteen men.

In the meantime a system of trenches and a signal dugout were constructed in the rear of the regimental area. These trenches were wired and used for the purpose of instructing the men in all methods of signaling used in modern warfare. Lieut. deBruyn was made instructor in the 66th Brigade Telephone School. A regimental school was organized and the platoon, which by now had increased to thirty-nine men, began active training. Buzzer and telephone instruction were given in the morning and practical instruction in the trenches in the afternoons and evenings.

The third week in February the platoon occupied a section of the divisional trenches, which were known as the Logan Sector, and successfully installed and maintained various means of communications under simulated battle conditions. By the end of the first week in March the signal platoon had increased to about fifty men. On March 13th, 1918, Lieut. deBruyn went to Liaison School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, returning on April 6th; during this period the training was carried on under the command of Sergeant Beatty. Sergt. Allan F. Helsten, one of the pioneers of this platoon and the first platoon leader, was sent to second officers' training school, where he received a commission as a second lieutenant.

At Le Mesnil Reaume, where we arrived June 12th, English signalmen detailed for the purpose of instructing Americans in the British method of signaling worked with the platoon every day. Their methods were a revelation both in precision and speed to us, who were as yet mere tyros at the work. This instruction included work with the British fullerphone, lucan lamp, flags and shutters. While at Le Mesnil Reaume the platoon received most of its signal equipment.

The next move was made on June 21st to Gamaches and from there the trip was made in motor busses to Pierregot in the reserve area of the Albert sector. After arriving in Pierregot the work of training the platoon in the English system of signaling was carried on by a detachment of Royal Engineers who at that time were billeted in the village. A regular signal school was organized about the first of July, the work being under the supervision of a lieutenant from the British army, who had three regular British army instructors with him. Classes were held for instruction in buzzer practice and stations were established for the transmission of messages by buzzerphone, lamp, telephone, flags and shutters. These classes were attended by not only the signal platoon, but also by men from each company.

Shortly after the signal school was established, the platoon received the remainder of its signal equipment which included lamps used by the French Army and T. P. S. and Wireless Sets. The first practical work done by the platoon was the installation and operation of a complete telephone system connecting all units of the regiment to a regimental switchboard, to brigade and divisional headquarters.

In the operations, during the period from June 23rd to July 6th, 1918, in which the 131st Infantry advanced to support the English in the Amiens Sector, the signal platoon and details operated with the companies. About the middle of July, Sergeant Beatty was appointed to attend the fourth officers' training camp and Sergeant Quinn succeeded him as platoon leader.

On July 19th, Sergeant Quinn took a detachment of thirteen men in the trenches in the Albert Sector for the purpose of learning the practical method of operating signal stations at battalion headquarters. This detail did no actual operating in the stations but was detailed in shifts to observe how the work was carried on.

The first signal detail to operate in the front line trenches was when our own infantry moved from Pierregot to the Albert Sector on July 23rd with the first battalion. This detail under the command of Corporal Bain, took over the signal station in the section of the Albert trenches occupied by the first battalion on the night of July 24th, relieving troops of the III Corps, B. E. F. Several members of the Royal Engineers attached to this corp remained to operate the T. P. S. sets and to assist our men in case of emergency.

The signal detail consisted of Corporal Bain and seventeen men. Eleven men of the detail operated the station at battalion headquarters. Six of these operated the switchboard and fullerphone lines in two shifts. Three operated the light station near battalion headquarters and two acted as line repairmen. The remaining four men were detailed to the companies to assist the company signalmen in their duties. The British equipment was used throughout with the exception of American buzzerphones.

On July 27th the second battalion, with its signal detail under Sergeant Mann, moved to the Albert sector and the following night they relieved another battalion of English, the first battalion in turn being relieved by British. The signalmen were distributed the same as in the previous detail and the work was carried on.

At this time, the Albert sector was quiet and the only work done was the sending out at night of scouting patrols and working parties to repair wire entanglements and build trenches; consequently the work of keeping liaison between the units was easier than in later operations.

While the details were in the line, members of the platoon left at Pierregot kept on with the school which lasted until the first of August when the English Lieutenant and his instructors left.

On July 31st, a signal detail, under the command of Corporal Loh and attached to the Third Battalion, moved to the Albert sector and the following night relieved a battalion of British, the Second Battalion in turn being relieved by a battalion of British. The work done by this detail was similar to that of the two previous details except that a line was strung by Lieutenant deBruyn, Sergeant Anfield and Corporal Loh and two other men together with a company runner who acted as guide, and communication established with the company which had advanced to the edge of Albert, on its evacuation by the Germans. On the night of August 5th, the Third Battalion detail was relieved by the British and returned to Pierregot. Lieutenant deBruyn made frequent trips up the line to inspect the signal stations and to direct the work and in turn to direct the work of the school where it was most needed. About the first of August, Lieutenant deBruyn was relieved of the command of headquarters company and was therefore able to devote the whole time in the ensuing operations to the signal platoon.

Signal details which had previously worked with the first and second battalions with Lieutenant deBruyn in command, occupied the Baizieux sector on August 6th.

On the night of August 7th, Lieutenant deBruyn received orders to proceed to Heilly, the balance of the regiment having started from Pierregot at the same time. The first detachments were overtaken there at 6 o'clock on the morning of the 8th of August. Hiking over the Somme battlefields, the regiment arrived at Sailly-le-Sec in the forenoon of the same day. After resting outside of Sailly-le-Sec until about three o'clock the regiment began the advance on the road towards Chipilly. The signal detachment assembled near the trenches from which the Germans had been driven that same morning by the British.

As soon as our signal equipment, which we had requisitioned from the British in the absence of our own equipment left behind at Pierregot, came up, the Third Battalion signal detail advanced along the road bordering the right bank of the Somme river and laid wire as far as the valley back of Malard wood where regimental headquarters was later established. The first and second battalion details laid their wire over the top of the plateau. Early the following morning the first and second battalion details advanced together to Chipilly Ridge stringing the wire as they went and assisted by men of Company C, of the 108th Field Signal Battalion. The same night the regimental signal detail moved up to the valley near Malard woods where regimental headquarters was located and established a signal office in a dugout where it remained until the regiment left the line.

No more wire being obtainable, the next day, August 10th, an advanced regimental signal station was established at the north end of Chipilly Ridge, having runner communications with the first and second battalion headquarters. During the next day, wire was brought up by Lieutenant deBruyn and telephonic communication was established with the first and second battalion headquarters in the trenches in front of Gressaire wood. The second battalion headquarters was in a trench running parallel to the Bray-Corbie road. This position was continuously shelled and the headquarters and signal station was moved that same day to an evacuated dugout in a valley on the right of this road. During the moving of the signal station to the new position the signal detail was under heavy shell fire and Private Harry Scholl was badly wounded in the head from shell fragments which constituted our first casualty.

The first battalion station was operated by four men from Sergeant Bain's detail and the remainder stayed at the stone quarry to operate the advanced regimental switchboard which acted as a relay station. This place was so heavily bombarded that gas masks had to be worn almost continuously. At this time all the operating work was done by men of the signal platoon while the wire construction and repair was done by men from the 108th Field Signal Battalion, assisted by our own men.

The second battalion holding the left half of the regimental position was relieved by an Australian unit on the night of August 13th and came back into reserve. The third battalion advancing from reserve in Malard wood took up the support position in Gressaire wood, telephone communication being immediately established through advanced regimental signal station. The first battalion headquarters was moved to a better position near the Somme river and visual communications were established with the companies.

On the 17th of August, the third battalion relieved the first, which went into reserve while the second battalion moved forward and took the place of the second battalion in support.

The battalion headquarters were at all times connected with the regimental exchange by telephone supplemented by buzzerphone communications. The regimental switchboard had eighteen lines and in addition to the man on the switch-

board, there was one man operating the buzzerphone and one man on the message center. Sergeant Quinn was in charge with Corporal Murray in charge of all regimental runners and three signalmen were detailed to a visual station on the hill nearby to receive messages from the front. Lieutenant R. J. Smith of the First Australian Signal company supervised liaison between the Australian forces and our own. Private Simmonds of the Australians was on duty at the regimental signal station with two line repairmen to take care of Australian lines running into our switchboard.

The Australians relieved the entire regiment on the night of August 19th and the battalions moved out on the nights of August 19th and 20th and arrived in Poulainville on the night of August 21st by the way of Hamel and Aubigny. The signal platoon was the last to leave its station, and was assembled as a whole at Poulainville. All the English equipment was turned in. On the night of August 23rd the company moved to the region of Amiens and on the following morning entrained for the American sector.

Detraining at Ligny, on the 25th of August, the company hiked to Salmagne. An exchange was installed and telephone communication established between all units of the regiment and brigade and division headquarters. In the period from the arrival at Salmagne to September 6th, all men not engaged in operating the switchboard attended platoon buzzer school in the morning and did field work in the afternoon five days out of the week.

Leaving Salmagne the evening of September 6th, the company hiked to Tronville and from there traveled all night in French trucks arriving at Baillécourt next morning. The company stayed two days in the French barracks above Baillécourt, during which time the battalions and regimental details were again made up and the second battalion detail reported to battalion headquarters on September 8th. The signal platoon moved with the company on the night of September 9th to the neighborhood of Fromerville and Germonville where in the surrounding woods the whole regiment was billeted. The 131st Infantry was at this time acting as a reserve for the 132nd Infantry which was holding the front line at Le Mort Homme.

The battalion and regimental details which reported to their respective headquarters on September 10th, were made up differently than at the time of the Somme offensive. In place of having a signal platoon take care of all the operating and the Company C platoon of the 108th Field Signal Battalion lay and repair all wire, the men of both platoons were divided into groups according to their abilities as operators, linemen, and visual signal operators and a detail of each group assigned to the battalions, a corporal being in charge of each detail. In addition to these men there were two Signalmen in charge of runners at each battalion and later one man assigned as pigeonier. Thus a battalion detail was formed into compact units consisting of four operators and a corporal, five linemen and a corporal, two visual operators and a corporal, a runner corporal assisted by a private, one pigeonier and a sergeant in charge of the entire station. The men in charge of the details were Sergeant Graydon, first battalion, of the 108th Field Signal Battalion; Sergeant Pedersen, second battalion, 108th Field Signal Battalion; Sergeant Anfield, Third Battalion, 131st Signal platoon and Sergeant Quinn, 131st Signal platoon at regimental headquarters. These details remained practically the same until after the armistice was signed.

Telephone communication from the regimental P. C. was established to the battalion P. C.'s and also the brigade and division and this was later supplemented by visual and T. P. S. stations between the battalions and the regimental stations

which were about one kilometer north-east of Fromerville, and by wireless between regimental brigade and division.

The next move was made by the third battalion on the night of September 20th into the trenches on Le-Mort-Homme, the signal detail completing the installation of telephone communication the following morning. The second battalion moved into the trenches on the right of the third battalion on September 22nd and battalion headquarters was connected to regimental immediately. Regimental headquarters was moved forward to a position ahead of Chateaucourt on the 23rd and the first battalion occupied a position in the same vicinity, supporting the second and third battalions.

In preparing for the general offensive of the 26th of September, the two battalions on Le-Mort-Homme moved down to the first line trenches during the night of the 25th and made ready to attack at 5:30 a. m. on the 26th. The signal details, leaving one man to operate the stations on the hill, strung wires as far as possible and then waited for the "hop-over." The second battalion detail went out in advance of the first line and waited in an observation post. Following the attack as closely as possible the Second battalion signals completed a line to Drillancourt where a relay station was established and a line run into battalion headquarters about one kilometer ahead of Drillancourt and communication established at three o'clock on the afternoon of the 26th. The Third Battalion, having taken up a position detail ahead of the Forges brook and in advance of the second battalion, the Second Battalion under command of Sergeants Loh and Iwicki hooked on to their own station and extended their lines to the Third Battalion the same afternoon. The Third Battalion signals were held up on the hill back of Drillancourt by lack of wire but a detail sent to battalion headquarters to establish visual communication found their wire laid and immediately took over the station of the Third Battalion. Advance regimental headquarters was established near Drillancourt the same night and the Second Battalion withdrawn to Forges wood, where a new line was laid from the advance regimental signal office.

A relay station known as "Alexander station" was established in Cumieres woods by the signal platoon of the 132nd Infantry. The function of this station was to act as a half way relay point between division and all units of the division in the line. About the first of October, the station was taken over by Sergeant Mann of the 131st Infantry signal platoon with a detail of five men who operated the switchboard and kept the twenty lines in repair for a period of eighteen days.

The regiment remained in this position until the second phase of the Meuse-Argonne offensive which was begun on October 8th. Continuous telephone communication was maintained between the various units in spite of spasmodic shell fire. The telephone lines supplemented by visual and T. P. S. communication. During this period, Sergeants Quinn and Anfield were sent to signal school and Sergeant Griffith of the 108th field signal battalion took charge of the regimental signal station and Sergeant Davidson of the 108th field signal battalion replaced Sergeant Anfield in charge of the Third Battalion signal detail.

The Third Battalion detail moved from its position near the Meuse river into Forges wood early on the morning of the seventh of October. At night, the Second Battalion crossed the Meuse river on a temporary bridge constructed by the divisional engineers and was attached to the 132nd Infantry south-east of Consevoye on the morning of the 8th of October. Wire was laid but shell fire blew them out so continuously that communication was possible for short periods only. The First and Third Battalions crossed the river late in the afternoon of the same date and took up a support position between Brabant and Consevoye. The 132nd In-

fantry lines were tapped and Battalion Headquarters put into communication with regimental headquarters immediately. Advanced regimental P. C. was moved up to the same locality later in the night and also put in wires. On the ninth, the First and Second Battalions advanced into Consevoye wood and joined in the attack. First and Second Battalion headquarters were established on the edge of Consevoye wood and communication established in the afternoon through the Second Battalion which was in a valley a little to the rear of regimental headquarters. On the 10th another line was put through to lessen the danger of being cut off by shell fire. Communication during the offensive period from October 11th to 14th was successfully carried out under continuous heavy shell fire and gas attacks. A switchboard was maintained at the advanced regimental P. C. and the main signal station operated further to the rear near Consevoye.

The 66th Brigade being relieved in the front line by the 65th Brigade on the 14th of October, the 131st Infantry recrossed the Meuse on the 15th and 16th, remaining in the vicinity of Bethencourt and Drillancourt until October 19th when the whole regiment was relieved. Moving back through Chattancourt on the night of the 19th by battalions, the regiment hiked to Nixeville arriving on the morning of the 20th. Starting again at 2 a. m. on the morning of the 21st the move was continued to Souilly area where the regiment rested for two days. After another day's hike, regimental headquarters was established at Thillombois in the Tryon area. The battalions were billeted in the various towns in the area and lines strung to regimental headquarters or connections made through the local French board.

The Second Battalion was ordered to take over the front line at Woel on the 28th of October and the line was strung from Avillers to Woel to complete communication from the front line to regimental headquarters in the woods above St. Maurice. The 132nd Infantry relieved the Second Battalion on the twenty-ninth of October.

Sergeant Davison in charge of the Third Battalion Signals at Challion was severely injured by the explosion of a mined fuse box and M. S. E. Carper of the 108th Field Signal Battalion was sent to take his place.

The Second and Third Battalions were ordered in, to relieve the 132nd Infantry on November 6th and took up a position along the St. Maurice-Hannonville line, sending out patrols every night to locate the enemy's line. Battalion headquarters was connected to regimental headquarters, which had moved to the woods above Thillot. The Third Battalion signal detail sent two men out to Woel to send in reports from patrols over a buzzer wire to battalion headquarters at St. Maurice. The divisional observation post was connected through the second battalion switchboard and thus was enabled to keep in touch with division. The First Battalion came into position on the front line on November 7th and except for two companies of the Second Battalion the whole regiment advanced to the First Battalion on the St. Hilaire Road on the 8th of November, and to the second St. Hilaire road on the 9th, encountering more opposition as they progressed.

The battalion signal details followed their respective headquarters and laid wires from their previous stations. When the attack on Harville and Butgnive woods was made on the 10th, the First and Third Battalions, signal details succeeded in putting in telephone communications to their respective units on the same night. These details operated from a relay station established at Woel. The battalion headquarters were located in the neighborhood of St. Hilaire. The Second Battalion detail did not succeed in establishing communication for their battalion until after the armistice was declared at eleven o'clock on the morning

of November 11th. All battalions were moved back to the St. Maurice-Hannonville line the same night.

After the signing of the armistice, the number of signalmen at each battalion was reduced to five men and the remainder of the platoon was billeted near regimental headquarters above Thillot. On the 26th of November, headquarters company was moved into the town of Hannonville and remained there until December 7th.

The regiment started on its march towards Germany on December 7th and hiked for six consecutive days, being billeted at night in the towns of Mars-le-Tour, Moinville, Mancieulles, Serrouville, Schifflange and Syren. En route, messages and field orders were transmitted by runner, mounted orderly or dispatch rider to the units. At Syren, the regiment rested for a day and telephone communication was established to the units in the town and to the Second Battalion located at Contern.

Leaving a detail to pick up the lines at Syren on the 14th the company continued the march and arrived at Ehnen on the Moselle River. The following day the Moselle River was crossed and the signal platoon together with the regiment proceeded to Saarburg in Germany. After a stay of two days in Beurig-Saarburg during which time communication was kept with Brigade and two of the Battalions the Company moved back to Ehnen where they stayed for a period of three more days. A detail was left in Beurig-Saarburg to pick up the lines and while at Ehnen telephone communication was established with all three Battalions. Leaving a detail to pick up the lines at Ehnen the company left there on the twentieth of December and hiked to Larochette, Luxembourg. The other units of the regiment were billeted in adjacent towns in Luxembourg and Belgium.

Field lines connected the units nearest regimental headquarters and communication with the more distant units over civilian lines during our stay in Larochette.

NARRATIVE OF FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMUEL C. DAVIS

Among those who constituted the advance party of the Thirty-third Division—thirteen officers and thirteen N. C. O.'s—I embarked on the U. S. S. George Washington, May 8th, 1918. The eight days in crossing had a submarine scare to remind us that beneath the dark blue ocean lurked the enemy—otherwise the trip was like a pleasure voyage. May 18th found us in the Pontanezen Barracks at Brest. Three days later the party departed for Abbeyville; at first the quaint French train afforded us amusement but at night we longed for the good old Pullmans of the Northwestern.

Major Barber, Q. M. C., was in charge of the detachment until arrival in Brest when command was taken by Captain Beatty of a machine gun battalion. At Rouen our coach was hooked up to an ammunition train going to Amiens where we saw for the first time the havoc wrought by enemy shelling.

We arrived at Abbeyville the same day and slept that night in the British Officers' Club and experienced one of Jerry's air raids at ten o'clock that night. We reported on the morning of the 24th to division headquarters, which was about six kilos southwest of Abbeyville. Each officer and non-commissioned officer was given the duty of billeting for their respective battalions. Shortly after the regiment arrived in the area and was again moved west, the Third Battalion was located at Melleville. Here, after about two weeks' training with British instructors, we moved east to Pierregot in the Albert Sector. Here we also had British instructors and had the benefit of occupying the trenches in front of Albert a few times.

ATTACK ON HAMEL

Two companies from the 132nd Infantry and two from the 131st Infantry were chosen to make an attack on Hamel. Companies C and E from the 131st Infantry were brigaded with the 42nd and 43rd Australian Battalions. On June 29th each company reported to its respective battalion as mentioned above; on June 30th and July 1st one platoon from each company of Americans was attached to one company of Australians for instruction in the stunt which was to take place on July 4th and here we learned the operation of tanks. On July 2nd we marched from Cardonette and Allonville through Corbie to the front line trenches in front of Hamel. We started at two o'clock, had supper on the banks of the Somme, rested a few hours, arriving on the front line about one p. m. We remained in the trenches July 3rd, the entire line was quiet all day. At ten p. m. I took the platoon sergeant and my orderly and went on a patrol; we left the front line at ten p. m. and reconnoitered the position my platoon was to take at 12:30, in preparation for the attack. I returned to our front line at 11:30, assembled my platoon and guided it to our position about 100 yards in front of our front line trenches, six hundred yards directly west of Hamel. Here we deployed into five combat groups and lay down to await the zero hour. The formation of the 42nd Battalion was as follows: The first or assaulting wave consisted of two platoons from each company deployed in a single line at five pace intervals; following the assaulting wave at 20 paces were the other two platoons in the same companies deployed in single squad columns at about fifteen paces; then came the support companies deployed in two lines of single columns at thirty pace intervals.

Zero hour was at 3:10 a. m. on July 4th; all companies of the Forty-third battalion were at the jumping off place at 12:30; at 3:08 a. m. a smoke barrage was put down 100 yards in front of our position in order to screen our movements from the enemy. The smoke barrage lasted two minutes; then a rolling barrage fell in front of our position, lifted 100 yards in advance, successively lifted nine times. When it fell the tenth time it held for ten minutes which permitted another battalion to go thru the forty-third and mop-up the town of Hamel; then the barrage lifted four times at four minute intervals. The objective was a high hill 2,000 yards from our old front line positions and was reached in good time. The attack had been well planned and we did not encounter much difficulty.

On the night of July 4th we easily repelled a counter-attack. We were relieved by an Australian battalion on the night of July 6th, returned to Pierregot and reported to regiment. The Hamel attack taught us many things and we owe much to the Australian soldiers who gave us confidence and experience in the war game. I will not mention the casualties suffered by us nor the prisoners captured and material taken, owing to the fact that regiment statistics have a complete record of same. When C and E companies returned to Pierregot on July 7th we reported to division headquarters and there Major General George Bell, Jr., in command of Thirty-third Division and Brigadier General Wolf in command of the Sixty-sixth Brigade congratulated officers and men on the excellent showing they made in the first engagement in which they participated. The following are a few points showing why the attack on Hamel was an historical event.

1. It was the first offensive in 1918 after the German drive.
2. The first time that Australians and Americans were brigaded together.
3. The heaviest concentration of artillery on such a narrow point in the history of the war.
4. These particular trenches had been held by Germans, French, British, Australians and finally by Australians and Americans.

5. The four companies from the 66th brigade went into an attack just thirty-four days after arrival in France. That was sooner than any other American unit entered an attack after landing in France.

ALBERT SECTOR

After the Hamel attack we were located in Pierregot and during the remaining part of July the regiment gained valuable experience while occupying the Baizieux and Vaden system of the Albert sector. On August 4th the Third Battalion of the 131st Infantry was occupying the front line west of Albert. A patrol was sent out at 9:30 p. m. to locate position of enemy, it returned to our line at 12 o'clock and the officer in charge reported that the enemy had withdrawn to a position behind Albert, and was not occupying his former positions. The next night the Third Battalion moved forward to a position about a hundred yards west of Albert and into what had been the enemy's reserve trench. The battalion suffered no casualties although the enemy put over a heavy harassing fire. The same night Captain Magner and Lieutenant O'Dea with forty other ranks patrolled the city of Albert and located many enemy positions. On the night of August 4th the third Battalion was relieved by British and marched to Pierregot. The next night we started our march to the Somme.

During Chipilly Ridge action, I was on duty with Third Battalion. I was relieved of duty with K Company and attached to Regimental Headquarters as regimental intelligence officer.

On November 6th, 1918, Company C, 131st Infantry, was billeted west of the town of Deuxnouds with the rest of the First Battalion. The First Battalion was billeted at this place during the nights of November 5th and 6th under command of Captain Wilson. At 11:30 a. m., November 6th, 1918, I received orders from battalion commanders to prepare my company for the trenches and to be ready to march at 2:30 p. m.

At 2:30 p. m. the company was assembled and marched off in the direction of the front line. When the company arrived at St. Maurice which is about six "kilos," east of Deuxnouds, the forth platoon and kitchens were detached from the company and sent to the town of Billey, commanded by Corporal Wagenseller. The remainder of the company, consisting of three officers, Lieutenant Davis, Lieutenant Sanger and Lieutenant Hall, and seventy other ranks continued their march to Woel, arriving there about 6:30 p. m. The company was halted in front of the Chateau, while the officers reported to the commanding officer of Company E, 132nd Infantry to receive information as to the relief. After receiving the necessary information, Company E, of the 132nd Infantry, was relieved by Company C, 131st Infantry. The relief was completed at 9:00 a. m.

The front line east of Woel was held by a system of out-posts including three machine gun emplacements covering a front of about three kilometers. Liaison was established on the right by a liaison post, consisting of ten men with the 110th Infantry of the 28th Division, commanded by Corporal Tufford, on the left liaison was established with Company L, 131st Infantry, Thirty-third Division, by a liaison patrol consisting of two men from our left outpost and two men from Company L right outpost, patrolling every two hours.

In command of Posts No. 1 and 2 was Sergeant Hobscheid. In command of Post No. 3 and 4 was Sergeant Sullenberger. In Command of Posts No. 4 and 5 was Sergeant Weil. During the day Lieutenant Sanger was in charge of the outposts, during the night Lt. Hall was in charge of the outposts. During the night the

company commander would visit the outposts as it could not be done during the day on account of observation.

In order to always be on the alert and to allow no Jerry to take us by surprise, from each outpost there was sent out a patrol consisting of from two to three men who patrolled to a distance of 500 to 700 yards in front of our outpost section.

There was no enemy ever seen or heard in front of our sector, but on the night of November 8th a German band was heard playing in Jonville, which is about four kilometers east of our position, on the other side was No Man's land. On the night of November 7th a patrol consisting of three officers and about forty other ranks under command of Lieutenant O'Dea patrolled in front of our sector, leaving our lines at 12:30 a. m. November 8th, 1918. The patrol went east along the Woel and Jonville road accompanied by Sergeant Sullenberger for a distance of about one and one-half kilometers. Then the patrol left the road and continued in a north-eastern direction of Vachere Woods. After encountering no signs of the enemy they investigated Epine woods, but found no enemy there, the patrol returned thru our lines about 4 a. m.

On November 9th I received orders to have my company in readiness and when companies A, B and D arrived at Woel to have them take cover until the commanding officer of the first battalion arrived.

When the battalion commander arrived he gave us the orders for the operation of the night Lieutenant Hall with twenty-seven other ranks from Company C were detached to Company A and given orders to investigate and occupy La Vachere woods, ten other men from Company C were detailed to Company B. I was left in command of Woel with the remainder of the company and also to transmit reports from the forward troops to the operations officer of the 131st Infantry, Captain Malstrom.

Each company and the company commander soon left P. C. under the Chateau at Woel to go out and perform their duties as to the orders they received from the battalion commander.

On the night of November 10th my outposts were withdrawn and the remainder of my company which was at Woel were used to carry ammunition and food to the forward troops thru an area covered with gas for about one-half kilometer, two men being slightly gassed. The forward troops were holding the line east of Les Haute Epines wood and Warville wood.

On Nov. 10, 1918, Lieutenant Sanger, Company C was detailed to Company D and sent out with Lieutenant Dent and about fifty other ranks to establish a liaison post with 110th Infantry, 28th Division. It had been reported that the 110th Infantry had captured Jonville, but when this patrol got in touch with us, it found that their left was at the northeast corner of Voye woods, near this place the liaison post was established.

Just at 11:30 a. m., November 11th, all hostility ceased. I received orders to assemble the company and move back to Hannonville. The company moved from Woel about 5:30 p. m. on November 11 and arrived at Hannonville at 8:00 p. m. During the entire operation the company only suffered three casualties, one slightly wounded and two slightly gassed.

We were located at Hannonville for one month after signing of the armistice. Then our regiment started to march from Hannonville, France, to Germany on December 7th, arriving in Saarburg, Germany, December 15th. Company C remained at Showden two days and then returned to Oetrange, Luxembourg, remained for two days, left by truck for Arlon, Belgium, where we remained from

December 22nd to January 28th, and then by train to Oetrage, remaining from the 28th of January to the 24th of February. We then moved to Gravenmacher, Luxembourg.

NARRATIVE OF LIEUTENANT FRANK C. TILLSON

It was a cold rainy night in October. We were lying in a tumbled in old German trench north of Consenvoye. We had attacked that morning and established our position under fire from machine guns which made any movement almost impossible. All day long we had waited either for reinforcements so we could push forward or for the expected counter-attack, but nothing happened. It was hard. The men were tired, hungry and discouraged.

Suddenly out of the darkness to our rear emerged a slowly moving body of men, each carrying a heavy burden. Rations at last: The men were quickly formed and the hot stew and coffee passed around. Good? The most famous chef France ever produced was a piker compared to that cook who camouflaged the "bully beef" for that night's meal. I have heard of the nectar of the Gods and I've tried most of the other drinks since joining the A. E. F. but there never was and never will be a drink to compare with the coffee we had that night.

With the rations came an issue of cigarettes and a big sack of mail, just to make our happiness complete. The most pleasant memory I have of the war is of sitting there in a tiny hole covered with a blanket and reading my letters by the light of a German candle. Hot food, cigarettes, and letters from home. It wasn't such a bad war after all.

NARRATIVE OF LIEUTENANT RAYMOND F. FIEDLER, CO. K

On October 8th, 1918, the third battalion, 131st Infantry was assembled in the Bois-de-Forges as reserve of the 132nd Infantry, which was attacking Consenvoye and the Bois-de-Chaume.

The enemy probably saw movement in these woods, as he threw down on us, from time to time, searching fire from across the river near Haramount with 5.9's and 4.2's. The company had two men instantly killed as the result of a direct hit with a 4.2 shell, while waiting there for orders.

The afternoon of the ninth of October, the battalion, carrying extra grenades and ammunition, crossed the Meuse river and occupied the old enemy trenches, south of Consenvoye. At 12:00 o'clock midnight, company commanders were assembled at regimental forward P. C. and were given verbal instructions as to the attack the next morning, by Colonel Sanborn. They immediately returned to their companies and took them to the forming up line. The third battalion formed on the extreme left of the regimental front, covering the Bois-de-Chaume. I Company, the right attacking company; M, the left; L Company in right support; K company in left support. We formed up in this order under machine gun fire and were all set at 6:00 a. m. "H" hour was 6:05 a. m.

Lieutenant Kuehne, with the first platoon, was detailed to cover the ground between the river Meuse and the edge of the Bois-de-Chaume. Shells had begun to fall on the south edge of the woods when we commenced our attack. Progress was difficult on account of the heavy underbrush. K company went through this in squad column, arriving at the north edge of the Bois-de-Chaume at the Valley Dars-le-Vaux. Arrived there we were forced to halt as our own barrage was just hitting about 200 yards in front of us and the attacking companies were also halted ahead of us for the same reason.

I allowed the attacking companies to follow our barrage until they went over the crest of the hill in front of us. Then Jerry opened up on us with his barrage. The barrage hitting on the same line that the company occupied. With the command "let's go," we advanced through this barrage with no casualties and were going up the hill moving to the left in order to avoid another enemy barrage, which was striking to our immediate front, about half way up the hill. "There's a Jerry," yelled one of my men, who then fired a shot in the direction of a helmet a few paces ahead and to the left of us on the southern edge of the Bois Natchet, which was a thicket of underbrush with only a few stunted trees in it. The helmet did not move. We came up to it and surprised fifteen Austrian machine gunners, with one machine gun, who had been keeping under cover from the shell fire and barrage.

At this moment I realized that we were no longer in support of the attack but in front of our attacking company. I ordered the men to clean up the Bois Natchet, which we did to about 100 yards north of the woods, which was our objective. We captured in all 210 prisoners which I sent to the rear in large groups, two machine guns and a minenwerfer, all in the Bois Natchet.

I learned from one of the prisoners that there was one battalion of Prussian guards in the town of Sivry, 1,200 yards to our left. We had been getting machine gun fire from that direction and I located and counted forty of the Germans who seemed to be waiting to ambush some force that was coming from the north towards them. I afterwards learned that it was Lieutenant Kuehne's platoon that they were waiting for. They presented a very good target so we fired upon them and scattered them. There was no field of fire where we were so we entrenched on the reverse of the hill 1,200 yards east of Sivry-sur-Meuse.

The afternoon of the 11th, thirteen men of "L" Company were wounded by two shells in the Bois Natchet, while the officers of the battalion were reviewing the situation. I returned to K company's position, which was about 200 yards west of L company. The same night I returned to L company and found only a few men there as the rest were used as stretcher bearers and Capt. Wagner had been sent back to battalion headquarters to take command of the battalion. I company was also not where it had been that afternoon, part of it being with the first battalion, the other part was entrenching somewhere to my right rear but Lieutenants Frisbie, Emerick and myself could not find them in the dark.

I decided to locate battalion headquarters and Frisbie, Emerick and myself started out in search, having been given a clue by a runner from the second battalion. We had been unable to reach the second battalion headquarters with messages as no one seemed to know where it was located. All messages were sent to second battalion P. C. to be forwarded.

I found battalion P. C. and returned to the line. Captain Gano, in command of the line, sent me back to battalion P. C. to describe the situation and to get artillery fire on Sivry-sur-Meuse, where we had located machine gun nests.

During the whole stay on the line, the Germans pounded us with artillery fire, both high explosive and gas shells.

I went back to battalion P. C. and was sent to the second battalion P. C., where a meeting was being held by the majors. Reported the situation of the third battalion and got artillery fire on Sivry about 12:00 noon on the 11th.

The morning of the 12th of October, the Germans advanced four ways under a heavy barrage to within 100 yards of our left front. Lieutenant Borchardt let them have some trench mortar shells which silenced them for a while.

NARRATIVE OF LIEUTENANT FRANK C. ALBRIGHT.

After arriving in Europe with the 131st Infantry regiment we roamed over half of France in "Hommes-Forty," and then settled down for a period of training at Pierregot. It was here that we got our first taste of the line, just in front of Albert. Frequent trips to the trenches soon made us well enough acquainted with Fritz's tricks to put on a show for him, of which the Hamel stunt was the first. It was here that the lads from Illinois showed the stuff of which they were made. They were all very keen for a scrap and Jerry was the one they took it out on.

After the Hamel show we had a bit more training and then went to Chipilly Ridge with the "Aussies." Before going here I had been with the third battalion as B. I. O. and helped to organize that section. On the night that the regiment left for the ridge I was asked by the Regimental I. O. to go along as first battalion I. O. The regiment had left about eight o'clock p. m., and this was about eleven o'clock p. m., August 7th, 1918. After wandering about all night trying to find the first battalion I climbed into a British lorry to catch a few hours sleep. Morning came and with it a good feed from a "Tommy" kitchen nearby. About noon I caught up with the battalion and reported to Captain Richmond, who was in command.

It wasn't long after that that we moved off for the Baizeux sector where after much confusion we finally got settled for a rest; but the rest did not come. Instead was an order to move off and once more we were on our feet and plowing towards the line. The men were very tired and hungry and also very much "fed up" with the frequent moves and halts. We left the Baizeux sector about one o'clock a. m. and marched through Corbie and through the Somme valley to Salley-le-Sec where we rested in an old orchard during most of the day. Here the officers were called together and the plan of attack explained. The plans were complete enough but for some reason they did not mature. The tape that was to be our starting place was never laid, the tanks (if there were any) never got started; no one had any idea of how the ground lay nor where he was going to meet with resistance. Captain Richmond and myself started out to see if we couldn't get a line on how things looked in front, but were ordered back and told to bring up the battalion. Going back we had the battalion fall in and started for the hopping off point. As we neared the front the roads became more congested with every conceivable kind of gun or wagon. There were wounded coming back and supplies going up, cannon crashing, wagons rolling along with a steady rumble, men shouting and sweating horses straining at their tasks and huge lorries with the big motors going at top speed. This all blended into one great rumble that seemed to shake the earth. Through all this seeming confusion there was order and system. Finally we got through this kind of thing and turned off the road to our left. Here the first battalion was deployed next to the road and the second battalion on their left. We were then told to go up a very steep hill and into the woods on top. During all this, which took some time, our barrage had been falling and the Hun was stopping up steadily. There was nothing small about the size of the stuff he used. I've seen big trees cut down as neat and clean as one could cut a hair in two with a razor but the lads did not seem to mind 'em much. They went up that hill and into the wood with smiles on their faces and cigarettes in their mouths, not knowing what they were going to run into until the machine guns let them know that they had met opposition. Hell on earth is putting it mildly with what was going on on top of the ridge. The Hun had a nest of machine guns on our

right and in the village of Chipilly which was a little higher ground than that where we were. He held us here for about an hour and it was during this hour that I had an opportunity to see what kind of stuff the Yanks were made of. They had nothing to eat for nearly two days, not enough water and no sleep, besides plenty of marching. Yet they went up that hill with smiles and kept coming with smiles until the Hun was driven out of the woods and off of Chipilly Ridge. Even the wounded came back with smiles on their faces and shouted words of encouragement to their comrades who were in support awaiting their turn to be at the Hun. We reached the Somme river about 8:30 p. m. and dug in for the night. This was on August 9th, 1918, and on the morning of August 10th we got our first rations which were brought up in rolling kitchens and dished out to the men. Not all of them got rations, because we had received orders to push off again, so once more we were on our way to Berlin with empty stomachs. This was about four o'clock a. m. on August 10th, 1918. We turned at right angles to the Somme river and pushed through Malard woods until we reached the other side of it. Here we made a line from the river to the Bray-Corbie road, we weren't there long before our own artillery let a lot of stuff down on us and we had to shut them off before they hurt some one. I think we advanced a little too fast for them and therefore ran into our own shelling. From here we made another advance to the ridge just out of Bray and right along the Somme river. All of this netted us a goodly bag of prisoners and guns, also a lot of Hun equipment. After reaching the ridge between Eitnehem and Bray along the Somme we dug in and put up a battalion P. C. at an old well just out of Eitnehem. The Hun had left some very good dugouts here also this well which had the best water in it I ever drank in France. From this P. C. we carried on for four or five days, doing the usual duty that is required of a battalion in the line.

One evening we received a batch of papers telling about the Illinois boys on the Somme and a Yank lad was reading his copy to a group of Aussies who were gathered around him. There were about twenty men in the group all very much interested in what the Yank was reading when suddenly a shell dropped in their midst wounding and killing fourteen of them, also killing a Boche horse that was tied about twenty yards away. The Yank that was reading the paper never got a scratch and he was standing in the place where the shell struck. I think that is the most freakish shell I ever saw. The next evening just after mess (which happened to be very good for some reason or other) we were sitting around a Hun table in front of our dugout when he dropped one out of a clear sky and knocked me for a "blighty." Luckily I was the only one hit so not much damage was done. This happened on the sixteenth of August, 1918. They lost no time in getting me out of there. I was chucked in an ambulance and started for the rear. On our way out we had to wait until he stopped shelling the road with gas. We wore our masks for a mile or more and if one has never rode in an ambulance jolting in shell holes in the middle of the night and shells bursting all around them unable to move or duck them they cannot realize what it is. It's enough to turn one's hair gray and I know that it made me at least ten years older. Well anyway we finally arrived at the base hospital and things began to look better. We had plenty to eat and drink, the best care in the world and good looking nurses. It was here that we decided that the war wasn't so bad after all. In the hospital we received the papers telling us about the Yanks and their gains which made us anxious to get back at his throat again. But they would not have it so, instead came the day of days (the eleventh of November, 1918) and I in London.

The joy of the British knew no bounds and for one solid week they carried on. Never will I forget that week in London and how the people felt that once more they were to have peace and plenty. We of America cannot realize what these people over here have gone through during the last four years and how much more they have suffered.

On the seventeenth of November, 1918, I received my discharge from the hospital at Lancaster Gate, London, under orders to report to Winchester, England, to the commanding officer of the American camp there. After a week in Winchester I was sent to Liverpool and booked to sail for home. Lieutenant King of the 27th Division and I asked to be sent back to our units which request was granted. We left Liverpool with four hundred casualties bound for Le Mans, France. In due course we arrived at Le Mans where we spent a week or ten days and our ways parted, he for his unit and I for mine. At Le Mans there were a great many men of the Thirty-third Division who came back to their respective units on the same train that we did. We spent Christmas day at Neufchateau and thanks to that excellent organization the American Red Cross we had turkey and pie for dinner. On the twenty-eighth of December, 1918, we arrived at Mersch, Luxembourg and then to our different organizations.

We spent a pleasant winter in the peaceful village of Larochette, Luxembourg, waiting for the time when the big order would come (that of sending us home). At last it has come and we are on our way to America where they grow men that fight with a smile on their faces and know neither fear nor retreat, men that have never once taken a step in retreat, men who have achieved the seemingly impossible.

Thank God that it is ended and no more of these splendid lads will have to lie fighting a beast that has neither brains nor morals.

NARRATIVE OF FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM CARY SANGER, JR.

It was my privilege to see active duty with the 131st Infantry, A. E. F., during the last few weeks of the war and during the long months of the armistice period which followed the cessation of active fighting.

When I first joined the Thirty-third Division the troops were stationed a short distance back of the lines in the Troyon Sector after their victories at Verdun. I was assigned to Company C, of the first battalion, and we spent the time in drilling and training. Later we moved up into the lines. I will never forget the long columns of our "doughboys" marching silently onward towards the front. Through shattered towns they marched, where gaunt, half crumbled walls and chimneys stood forlorn and desolate among the ruins, and onward along the road that led to the lines—a dreary road across the lonely rolling plains. After a time we came to the former trenches and zigzag lines of rusty barbed wire where the battle line had previously stood before the great Saint Mihiel drive had forced the Germans to fall back. Our regiment went into the front lines in the Woivre plain and Company C took over the outposts in front of the town of Woel. Lieutenant S. C. Davis was in command of the company and Lieutenant B. F. Hall and I were the only other officers present with the company at the time as the rest had been wounded in previous battles. While we were in the line at Woel the weather was for the most part overcast and misty and the ground very muddy. At irregular intervals during the day and night the artillery on either side awoke the stillness of the plain and now and then we heard the rattle of machine gun fire. Our out-

posts consisted of a series of muddy trenches but despite the weary hours of waiting in the mud and the cold the men were uncomplaining and as cheerful as could be expected. The American "doughboy" always seems to retain his sense of humor even under the most disagreeable conditions. This quality and his courage carry him through any and all difficulties. On November 10th I received orders to lead a platoon from Company D and about fourteen men from the 124th Machine Gun Battalion (with two machine guns) and to connect up with the 110th Infantry regiment of the 28th Division which was on our right. Lieutenant M. E. Dent of Company D, went with me. We, accordingly, advanced with our platoon and the two machine guns beyond our outpost lines and established connection with the 110th Infantry on our right. That night we slept on the ground. During the night the fourteen men from the 124th Machine Gun Battalion were relieved by an equal number of men from the 131st Machine Gun Company. During the early hours of the morning (November 11th) some German shells landed near us but none of our men were hurt. Later we took up a new position on the extreme left of the 110th regiment and established our machine guns. After ten a. m. the sound of the artillery fire increased and just before eleven a. m. the woods and plain far and wide reverberated with the intermittent rolling and concussion of the guns. And then, at eleven a. m., the tumult suddenly died away and all was still. The armistice had come and the world war was over. In the afternoon I received an order from Lieutenant Davis to bring my platoon back to the battalion, after notifying the 110th regiment. I accordingly did this and as we marched back in the gathering darkness we could see the flares and rockets and star-shells of all colors soaring up into the sky along the length of the front as far as the eye could see. It was a strange and wonderful sight—those clusters and flares of light that rose high into the air in the stillness of that November evening. I think that every soldier who saw them felt that they were the first celebrations of a new and better era of peace which was to come to the entire world.

Looking backward on the events of the war we can see with rejoicing that the sacrifices have not been in vain for the victory of the allied armies has made the world "safe for democracy" and the children of future ages shall be spared those long unquiet years of war through which this generation has just passed. America's part in the great struggle shall be a source of pride and inspiration not only to all future generations of Americans but to the entire world as well for by her courage and sacrifices she has bequeathed to humanity a greater and a lasting measure of freedom.

NARRATIVE OF FIRST LIEUTENANT HOWARD H. WILLIAMS.

In the latter part of June, 1918, after reporting to my battalion "C. O." for duty, I was detailed to take charge of the Third Battalion Transport. A transport is not a part of a battalion in the states, but is necessary when the companies are as large as they were in this war.

A transport consists of some fifty horses and mules, some wagons, water carts and cookers. Some people seem to think that a transport don't amount to much, but there is always plenty of work to be done with it and while the shells were flying, there were a lot of men asking if there was a chance to get into it.

When I looked over things the first morning to my surprise, I was informed by a British officer (being detailed to instruct us in the uses of the transport) that I had a good bomb-proof job if I worked it right. This job did not seem to work

out that way for on my first time going up to the lines we were shelled some, and when we were coming back a Tommy asked one of the drivers if he could ride in the limber. The driver said it was O. K. with him, so in he got. He had not ridden very far when the shells began to fall near the road, but that didn't stop the driver. A little further on a shell landed about twenty-five feet from the team and then things happened, parts of the shell hit the horses and off they started. By the time they were under control and the driver looked for the Tommy in the limber, he heard him groaning, he stopped his team and asked if he was hit, the man said something, but was not understood. Just then a British transport officer rode up and inquired if anything was wrong, and the driver explained things to him. This officer looked the Tommy over and found that he was badly wounded, so they turned back and took the soldier to a first aid station that they had passed and before they reached the place the man was dead. The piece of shell that hit this man, cut away half of a spoke in the wheel and made a hole clear through the box of the wagon. The next morning we found that the horse had to be evacuated, because he was injured by a piece of steel that had lodged in his shoulder, that would have to be removed to save the horse. This was the only horse in my transport that I lost by shell fire, but we were always on the job with the chow and ammunition just the same.

While our battalion was in the lines at Chipilly, I had my transport in the first town from there, it being ground that Jerry had just evacuated a day or so before. I thought that my tent would not go bad so I had it put up, and it made quite a home for a day or so.

One night after returning from the line, we had just tied the horses on the picket line when we heard Jerry's bombing plane coming, and we were getting ready for bed. I went to my tent and just then Jerry hung out a lamp and started dropping his messages. It seemed like as if he was coming our way. In a little while he dropped a few more, these landed near us and a few of the boys came over to my tent and asked me if I was still alive, as one dropped so close they thought it had surely hit my tent.

Next morning we were awakened very early by shells dropping close to us, so we got up and moved away for awhile, then he stopped so we went along with our work just as if nothing happened. In a couple of hours he tossed over a few more, these came nearer our place so the men moved again. They hadn't more than cleared the place with the horses, leaving everything else, when a shell dropped in one of the holes the boys had dug to sleep in, and blankets, mess kits and toilet articles were seen flying in all directions.

After the boys had reached the west bank of the Meuse river, and things looked rather bad along the grub line, I was started that way one morning with orders to go into Gereourt. Lucky for us that it was foggy that morning as we would never have reached that far, for when we reached Forges, we found the engineers working on a bridge and their wagon was stuck. We hooked on and gave them a lift. Their wagon was heavily loaded with material for bridges, and when this wagon hit the bridge they had just finished, it slid the bridge out of place, so we were held up until it was rebuilt, this took an hour or so.

While we were waiting there along came the colonel and he began to "cuss" because of the delay but it still stayed foggy. About noon we were on our way again, and decided we had better pull up and have a bite or two and feed the horses.

About 1:30 we started over the hill near Bethencourt in plain observation

of five German captive balloons, but we went along paying no heed to them. That night we made our camp in Forges woods but moved back near Bethencourt the next morning. That night was sure a warm one and the shells dropped very close, one shell nearly buried Lieutenant O'Malley and myself. The mail corporal who was with us was doing his sleeping under a wagon woke up with a start as one dropped near him forgetting he was sleeping under the wagon tried to sit up, but took over half the skin off of his nose.

The funny thing that happened to me was when we were stationed on the east of the Meuse, near Consenvoye, while Corporal Sackett and I were riding along the road after looking over the ground to put the cookers nearer for the boys when they came out of the line that night. We were talking about what kind of souvenirs we were going to take along home with us and we were not paying any attention to where the shells were hitting, until one landed along side of the road. This shell picked my horse up, turned us around and then dropped us in the mud. The horse tried to get up a couple of times, but didn't seem to be able, but finally did get upon its feet, then it started to run just as hard as it could, but not very far. Sackett and I got the horse and started to walk the other way, and Jerry began dropping them along the road the same way so we decided to get on our horses and ride the other way which was towards the picket line. We had no more than started that way and Jerry played the road that way, but we didn't lose any time getting over the road. That night I located the souvenir I wanted to keep and it was my steel helmet which was issued to me at Camp Upton, but I will say, without bragging that I had a good lot of men in my transport, if not the best in the division.

NARRATIVE OF THE LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR PLATOON.

The Bombers and Sappers platoon, or, as more commonly known—the Trench Mortar platoon—had its origin with the reorganization of the Headquarters company in October, 1917. A number of officers and N. C. O.s were sent to the division trench mortar school at Camp Logan, conducted by a British officer, assisted by a sergeant of Kitchener's "Hundred-Thousand." The officer, Captain (later Major) Barlow, was an exceedingly capable instructor, a true type of the English officer, a strict disciplinarian, cold, reserved and rather inclined to cynicism. At first his pupils found it difficult to understand him or to willingly lend themselves to the spirit of the strict British discipline that he enforced. We had no guns and had to get along with dummy substitutes of wood. Later a makeshift mortar was made at a local foundry and we received most of our preliminary instruction with the aid of this gun.

Major Barlow found it difficult to find men to suit his requirements, and both officers and men were frequently returned to their companies and replaced by new material. At last after six weeks' of efforts men were found who seemed to come up to his requirements and of the 131st Infantry, Lieutenant H. B. Crow, Sergeant E. C. Porchardt and Sergeant J. C. Perrie were selected as a nucleus around which our battery was subsequently formed. After a rigorous trial men from the various companies of the regiment were selected and given a thorough course of training, later being transferred to the battery. A change in the organization having gone into effect Lieutenant Crow was commissioned first lieutenant and placed in command of the battery, and Sergeant Borchardt received his commission as second lieutenant, being second in command.

A system of trenches for our use having been constructed near the divisional

artillery range our battery moved out there with the batteries of the other infantry regiments for an advanced course of instruction, remaining there until the division was ready to embark for overseas service. Here we established a model camp of our own, each battery with its individual mess administration. Having by this time received two Stokes Mortars and a supply of ammunition we were able to make rapid progress in our work, and by the time the division was ready to embark were as thoroughly trained as it was possible to be without having been actually under fire.

Who will ever forget the long journey to Camp Upton, the days on the monster steamship *Leviathan*, the skirmish with the submarines, the first sight of the coast of France, the final arrival at Brest and the march to the barracks?

A few days after debarking we entrained with headquarters company for Oisemont from whence we hiked to Caumont, and from there to Frucourt. Part of the battery was then sent to St. Quentin Lamote to join the 30th (British) Light Trench Mortar training cadre, and when subsequently the company moved to Le Mesnil Raume the rest of the battery hiked to the same place, where a great deal of actual firing was done. Our stay here was abruptly ended when the regiment was ordered to Pierregot, and we made the long day's ride to that town in the famous London omnibuses. Owing to the concentration of troops in this area which was but a few miles from the lines, we were unable to get billets and were obliged to pitch our shelter tents in a pasture under the protection of some trees. The Boche planes were known to fly over this vicinity frequently, and we were soon to be made rudely aware of this fact, for a few nights later, a Hun night bombing expedition made things pretty lively around our town, and his visits were rather more frequent than we thought necessary. While at Pierregot, we made frequent hikes to the reserve sectors, behind the lines taking positions in the Vaden Baizieux and La Houssaye systems. In July we were sent to Bruttels, near St. Valerie on the Atlantic coast for further firing practice and on returning were given our first and last taste of trench warfare, when we went up in the trenches before Albert with the British, and later took up positions with the regiment in defense of the Baizieux Sector moving forward on August 7th in that memorable march that took our regiment into the Gressaire Wood and Chipilly Ridge engagements, where it so gloriously distinguished itself. During the process of consolidation after the battle our battery took up positions near the Bray-Corbie road near the left flank of the regiment, ready to assist in repelling any counter attack the Hun might have the temerity to launch. Later we relieved the 13th Australian Light Trench Mortar battery which was holding positions covering unprotected portions of our regimental front. We were finally relieved on August 19th by the 11th Australian Light Mortar battery and bidding good-bye to our friends the "Tommies" and "Aussies" proceeded to Hamel where we joined Headquarters company bivouaced for the night. August 20th found us hiking to Aubigny where we remained one night and the next day moved on to Poulainville and then to the historic city of Amiens which we had helped to free from the menace of the Hun artillery. Here we entrained and on August 22nd arrived at Ligny and marched to the pleasant little city of Salmagne where we remained for about two weeks, spending the time in maneuvers and range practice to meet the conditions of open warfare. Here we were preparing ourselves for the great Argonne-Meuse offensive.

September 7th we left by motor truck for the old French camp at Bailecourt and a few days later moved a short distance further and camped in a beautiful

little wood near Fromerville. It was so peaceful and quiet here that it was hard to believe that only two or three miles further north lay the front line, and the famous Le Mort Homme where two years before the terrible struggle for the possession of Verdun took place. While at Deloline woods we received the much needed replacements to fill the gaps caused by our casualties at Chipilly Ridge and Gressaire woods and every spare moment was given over to instructing them in their new work, although handicapped by the fact that it rained nearly every day, and we could not move out of the woods except in very small parties. During the daylight hours the roads were blocked with traffic, tractors hauling huge guns, cannons with ammunition and supplies toiled endlessly forward to their pre-arranged positions in readiness for the huge conflict that was to come.

On the night of September 22nd we moved up in a driving rain to our positions to wait for the attack. The night was pitch dark, the roads blocked with traffic and columns of troops. Daylight was just breaking when the last of our battery jumped into the sheltering trench. The days were spent in bringing up ammunition and on the night of September 25th we moved forward with the battalions we were to support to the jumping off trenches and on the morning of the 26th we went over with our regiment. Efficient support was given by the destruction of several machine gun nests holding up the advance of part of our third battalion and we were also of a great deal of assistance to a battalion of the Eightieth Division on our left, by destroying machine guns that were blocking their advance. Arriving at our objective, positions were taken up on the left flank of our regiment in expectation of a counter-attack which never materialized.

We remained in these positions until October 8th when one section moved across the Meuse with the second battalion to support them in the Bois de Chaume offensive. On October 9th the rest of the battery entered Forges Woods and crossing the Meuse with the first and third battalions were of great assistance to them on their attack of the 10th. After our last objective had been reached several guns were used in harrassing the enemy working parties who attempted to improve their positions on our front. October 16th we were relieved from the front and remained in reserve until the 18th when we commenced our long march to Thillembois.

Arriving there on October 23rd we remained there until November 1st and then joined the third battalion at Chaillon, moved forward with this battalion on the night of November 5th and relieved the 132nd Infantry trench mortar battery at Hannonville and St. Maurice in the line of resistance. The battery accompanied the second and third battalions on November 9th in the Bois de Warville attack. On the night of November the 11th we moved back to Thillot and then to Hannonville, where we salvaged the great store of munitions the Boche had left there. On December 6th we accompanied the regiment on that memorable march into Germany, and then back to Luxembourg to the Village of Larochette, which we reached on December 20th.

NARRATIVE OF SERGEANT WALTER D. CORNING

THE NARROW GAUGE

There were a great many places where the thin ribbons of narrow gauge were spread and torn from shell-fire, but where the little track ran through the hills in front of Chattancourt it was in pretty good condition and able to stand the strain placed on it. This track made a big circle up the steep hills and down again behind the lines, where ammunition, supplies and rations were hauled day and night to the

communicating trench where waited details to carry the supplies to the men in the line. It was a busy little road, especially at night when men and mules tugged bravely away at the big load piled on the cars, and cursed the spread rails when their cars overturned dumping the load in the mud; or another train coming in the opposite direction always leading to an argument as to which party should lift their cars off the track to allow the other to pass. Going uphill was a task that tested the strength, grit and endurance of any man, but going downhill it was a world of fun to start from the top and coast down to the end of the line three miles away, taking recklessly at forty miles an hour the dangerous sharp curves. The French went very slowly and carefully on this downward trip but the merry, laughing Yanks shouted with glee as they sped toward their destination.

THE DUN MULES ADVENTURE

I was ordered to report to the ration dump near Chattanooga at 10:30 every night with a detail of ten men to get my rations for the following day. It was easy enough to get this detail from the line for every man knew what tremendous fun he could have on this detail, and, besides, it would be a welcome relief to be able to get out and stretch and run without any special danger from Fritz. On the twenty-fourth of September, just before the hop-over, things did not run very evenly on this little Twentieth Century Limited. A French artilleryman with a load of seventy-five shells had captured a roaming mule on this morning to help him reach his battery. This mule had evidently gone for two or three days without his rations and he refused to walk more than fifteen feet at a time, and having reached a point half way up the hill, he calmly laid down and in this manner signified the fact that he was through. The Frenchman beat and kicked and pounded away at the mule but the latter merely blinked his eyes and wagged his ears as though stating in this way that it was useless—he was through and that was all there was to it. So the Frenchman cut the harness from the mule (a bit of rope) and vainly struggled with his “75’s” but the load was too much for him and finally he let go in disgust, and the little car started on its downward trip to the supply dump, gaining speed every instant. Needless to say the car with its load of “75’s” caused much consternation to every party upward bound who barely had time to lift their trucks off the track before the wild “75’s” sped by, but one sleepy Frenchman was not quick enough in removing his load and the collision that followed caused more damage than a battery of whizzbangs.

This seemed to put a hoodoo on that line for the day because there were many accidents and it was nothing to see a Yank carried away with a sprained or broken ankle as a result of his chute-the-chutes. Our cooks had to go half way to the ration dump for their water and the first trip they made that day with two trucks loaded with water containers got away from them and started on a journey of destruction. Coming up the track was a Frenchman driving a mule with a load of heavy corrugated iron. He heard the water containers rattling down toward him but saw his fate too late. He shouted to his mule and managed to swing the animal clear of the track before the collision. The corrugated iron and water containers went up in the air and the mule was jerked backward off his feet. The Frenchman cursed the cooks but that didn’t do any good because they couldn’t understand French anyway.

THE LUCKY WRECK

At ten o’clock that night my detail of ten men reported and we climbed onto our trucks and started after the rations. It was a bright moonlight night, thank

goodness for that, and we could see well ahead of us. Each car had a brake and a good strong man was watching each one to prevent any further accidents. With eleven men on those two little cars we picked up speed in a hurry, and, fortunately, there was no one in our way so we were a little lax in watching our brakes. On, on, we sped, shouting and yelling as we gained momentum. We made the first two turns in great shape, leaning far to the left as we did so to keep the cars on the track. Then followed a steeper grade, and, breathlessly, we hit the toboggan, just as Fritz started to throw a few shells on the track further down. We were so busy figuring our chances with the shells as to nearly forget the next sharp curve we were approaching. We were now traveling nearly fifty miles an hour and with a little apprehension the men on the brakes started to apply them. If we didn't make that turn on the bridge it meant going into the eight foot ditch, and if we did make it, we had the little barrage to consider. The men pushed harder on the brakes but the trucks did not slacken; there wasn't even a grinding to tell us they touched the wheels and we realized they were broken and useless. So we, not very calmly, held our breath to see how we made out. Quarter of a mile away, then an eighth, then a few hundred feet—then it came. With a crash the trucks jumped the track, capsized and down into the ditch we went, with the 250 pound trucks on top of us. There was just a mass of legs, arms, heads and helmets all tangled up. After we had extricated ourselves there followed a hurried roll call to see how many had been killed. I cannot understand yet how it was no one was seriously injured, but anyway, we hauled up the trucks from the ditch and were just about to start again, for Jerry's little barrage had lifted, when we heard a beautiful cursing that only an experienced "skinner" can render, and we stared in amazement at four mules tugging away for dear life on six cars of ammunition that was being hauled to the line. If we hadn't gone into the ditch——

WEST VIRGINIA LUCK

On November 24th we were policing up the hills around Hannonville when one of our new men, a big husky farmer from West Virginia, solemnly picked up a dud, almost as large as himself, put it on his back, carried it to the dump, calmly dropped it and walked off. Had he known his danger the thing would probably have exploded.

One day after the August 9th stunt about twelve cooks from various companies in the regiment were swimming in the Somme when some Aussies threw a few smoke bombs into the water. The very much concerned cooks thought they were gas bombs and scrambled for the bank where a lone gas mask lay.

IT'S FUNNY NOW!

It is seldom an entire battalion is mad at the same time about the same thing, but on October 20th, after we had been hiking all night and all of the previous day, it happened. On these long hikes it was customary to stop around midnight long enough to serve hot coffee. On this particular night the coffee was steaming away and the very odor of that coffee was the only thing that kept me on my feet and I feel pretty sure that it had the same effect on every man who got a whiff of it. Hot coffee served in the middle of a hike when it's cold and raining will brace up any man. Our company was the only one that had the sugar handy—all the other companies in the battalion had their sugar at the bottom of their limber where they couldn't get it without unloading the limber and there wasn't time for that. So every company came to us for sugar when it came to serve the coffee.

We first put sugar in our coffee, then gave the sack to the next company to pass on—our sugar was used in the coffee every company made that night. I tasted the coffee with a great deal of anticipation, then spit it out with a howl—our kitchen was the only one that also had the salt handy, too. I will not repeat what the major said about our cooks.

“SPIES,” SEZ I

On October 29th when our company was in front of Woel and our kitchen was back in Avillers, a town then only recently evacuated by the Huns, I was very much startled to see a man and woman walking down the street which was under direct observation of a Fritz balloon. The man wore a silk hat, Prince Albert coat, trousers that had just been pressed, and he carried a cane. The lady wore a tailored suit, a large hat with two red plumes and carried an umbrella. They walked casually along toward the front and I made after them. “Spies,” said I to myself, and I determined to learn their identity. At that moment the lady tripped and fell. I saw something that strangely resembled a spiral puttee protruding from her skirt. At that minute the man turned around with a grin on his face and I recognized two of my mischievous cooks.

PAGING SHERLOCK HOLMES!

If any one of the Ringling Brothers knew of the abilities of some of our star cooks we’d probably lose ’em. On our trip to Metz we drew rations for the day a few minutes before we started hiking immediately after breakfast. This gave us no time to peel potatoes or cut up the beef. At noon we halted for the noon mess, and it was always ready on time. Now we had no time to prepare the dinner before we started, and whenever the column halted for a ten minute rest in every hour the cooks were always glad to rest too, so that no preparations were made for mess during these periods. The question is, how did the cooks peel the potatoes and cut up the beef while the column was hiking along and the transport was moving with it? We’ll leave the mystery for you to solve. We did it.

THE MIDNIGHT PROWLERS

When our battalion was up in the Albert sector we were always assured of a lively time when taking up the rations, for Jerry knew every road like a book and he had plenty of bombing machines in good working order, nor was he a bit bashful in using them. On July 31st when our kitchen was located in Warloy, our acting supply sergeant had gone up with the rations (we took turns), and after an interesting time he got back at two o’clock in the morning for a peaceful sleep. As a side issue we had two tons of live grenades in our billet. At 2:15 a. m. Jerry came over in force after spending the entire night in trying to get us angry with an occasional bomb. This time he was trying to locate some British guns a few hundred yards away from our kitchen. The Fritz ammunition workers must have stayed up all of the previous night making bombs because Jerry was very careless with them, dropping his “eggs” left and right. We heard them all around us in the distance and our interest was aroused when he came toward our quiet sector. We were very quiet. The searchlights played on one of his planes and then the Lewis opened up on him, the tracer bullets making a streak of blue in the air. Fritz showed his disdain for this performance by dropping a bomb close enough

to put the big light nearest us out of commission. Presently the drone of his engines came nearer and nearer and likewise the bombs. He dropped three in a row, each one a little closer and we figured the fourth one was not going to miss us by very far. And it didn't. We heard the torpedo come down with a terrible whistle and I frankly state that my skin shrank, and I curled up into a ball. Everything in my past came before me in that flash of time as well as the thought of all those grenades in our billet. The torpedo hit with a mighty explosion that threw me off my second-story wire birth and half the roof caved in on top. The supply sergeant also went down in a heap under the debris. It took but an instant to slip on our shoes and go outside to see the extent of the damage. The air was filled with dust for a hundred feet around us and at first we could see nothing and could realize but little more. In the midst of the excitement one of our cooks appeared fully clothed, armed with helmet and gas mask, but minus his shoes. He was running around, terrified, trying to locate his shoes and at the same time shouting "Wait for me, wait for me," though none of us had any intention of leaving. We had now recovered sufficiently from the shock to examine the spot where the torpedo hit. It was pitch dark and we could hardly breathe because of the dust, but we made our way through wrecked buildings and found a Tommy crying with pain. He was pretty well cut up and we sent him to the hospital, and pulled out another Tommy, but this man was very still and quiet. There was no sleep for us that night, and at the first break of day we again went to the spot where the torpedo landed. It struck forty feet from the kitchen, where our billet was and the only thing that saved us was an immense British mess hall made of heavy corrugated iron. This was torn and mangled and resembled nothing. Parts of it, weighing several hundred pounds we found on top of a tree nearly fifty yards away. Six houses were very much damaged and three of these were complete wrecks, showing that the torpedo was one of unusually large dimensions. It cut a tree three feet in diameter, twisting it off as though it were a match, and dug a hole twelve feet deep with as big a diameter. At the time we could see no humor in the affair, but afterward we could look back and laugh at the cook who was clothed and wearing helmet and gas mask, trying to find his shoes. And while we laugh at this, we still remember the moans and cries of the wounded Tommy, whose funeral we attended that afternoon.

Army regulations do not require that cooks drill, but when the regimental row of kitchens was located on a flat area (something unusual in France) after the August 9th stunt, and just before the kitchens moved up, I saw the prettiest skirmish line of running cooks imaginable; they had not been drilling, but the alignment was perfect. At about 11 p. m. that night Jerry came over and spilled a few "eggs" a quarter of a mile away. Of course we were all interested, for he was coming in our direction. No one moved, everyone was tense, waiting to see where the next one would land. Then the Fritz airman dropped a hook-light that illuminated our little area. That light seemed to be the signal for everybody to get up and run in the same direction. About two hundred shoeless cooks, "K. P.'s" and "skinnners," started off as in a one-hundred yard dash. Nobody knew where he was going or how long it would take to get there. They double-timed across a stubble field in their stocking feet which, under normal conditions they would never have done for the stubbles hurt. They dived into shell holes, not knowing whether they were filled with water or men and many a toe found somebody's eye for a resting place, many ankles were turned and sprained in the rush, and a good many faces were bruised when a number of sleeping men did not know of the excitement until they were walked on.

**NARRATIVE OF CPL. A. O. TORSET IN COMMAND OF DETACHMENT OF
CO. G, CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS OCT. 9, 1918**

First platoon of Co. G, 131st Infantry, commanded by Lt. Cruse advanced thru Bois De Chaume (having no connection with right or left flank). Outside of woods met Major Gale of 132d Infantry, ordering us to go up and support Co. E, 132d Infantry, who were being flanked by the Germans.

We moved forward to their right flank on a high ridge. We had hardly dug in when the Germans counter-attacked, but were beaten back. At this time word was passed along to hold on, as reinforcements were on the way up. This by order of Major Gale.

Ten minutes after receiving these orders the Germans put over a very heavy barrage followed by a counter attack. Soon as we saw the Germans coming we opened fire. We had fired quite a while before noticing the fire was rather weak on either side of us.

Upon looking around we could see few of our men left. There was no officer present. I did not know where he was. I called "Count-off," finding only fourteen men remaining. We could see there was wave after wave of Germans coming on and decided to take a vote as to whether to continue fighting or give up. The majority were in favor to fight. Again we opened fire. By this time they were on our right and left as well as front. Our ammunition was very low. Pvt. Villano, who was operating a Chauchat gun, called for ammunition, which we passed to him that we could spare. Individually we had fired 175 rounds up to this time.

The Germans were very close to us by this time and we again took a vote whether to fight or not. Our ammunition was low. We could not hold them back for any length of time fighting against such odds. Majority were in favor of giving up as we had done the most possible under the circumstances and to continue would be suicide. We then gave up after having repulsed one counter attack and withstood a heavy barrage fire followed by another counter attack which we fifteen had held up for about one hour. The three waves of Germans appeared to extend as far left and right of the elevated position as we could see.

CHAPTER XI

LETTERS AND ORDERS OF COMMENDATION FROM JULY 4, 1918,
TO MAY 17, 1919.

HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 5th July, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 105:

1. The Division Commander takes great pleasure in publishing the following telegram to the Division:

“July 4, 1918, 33rd American Division.

I have much pleasure in forwarding the following message just received from the Commander in Chief Begins: ‘Will you please convey to Lt. Gen. Sir. J. Monash and all ranks under his command including the tanks and the detachment of the 33rd American Division my warm congratulations on the success which attended the operation carried out this morning and on the skill and gallantry with which it was conducted.

DOUGLAS HAIG.’

From General Rawlinson.”

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL:

WILLIAM K. NAYLOR,

Colonel, General Staff, Chief of Staff.

Official:

H. S. HOOKER,

Major, A. G. R. C., Actg. Div. Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 6th July, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 106:

1. The Division Commander takes great pleasure in publishing the following telegram and letter to the Division:

“General Bell, 33rd Illinois Division,
July 5, 1918:

Am anxious to express to you, General Bell, and to all ranks of the 33rd (Illinois) Division, my warm thanks for the gallant part taken by portions of your division in the attack at Hamel and Vaire Wood on Independence Day. I hear nothing but praise of the manner in which your units fought the enemy and my only regret is that I was not permitted to employ a larger portion of your fine division. Perhaps later on there may be another opportunity.

GENERAL RAWLINSON.”

"AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Corps Headquarters, 5th July, 1918.

My dear General:

I desire to take the opportunity of tendering to you, as their immediate Commander, my earnest thanks for the assistance and services of the four Companies of infantry who participated in yesterday's brilliant operations. The dash, gallantry and efficiency of these American troops left nothing to be desired and my Australian soldiers speak in the very highest terms in praise of them. That soldiers of the United States and of Australia should have thus been associated for the first time in such close coöperation on the battlefield, is an historic event of such significance that it will live forever in the annals of our respective Nations.

Yours very sincerely,

JOHN MONASH,

*Lieut.-General.**Commanding Australian Corps.*

Major-General Bell,

Commdg. 33rd American Division."

This order will be read to the troops at the first formation after receipt by the Commanding Officers of each unit.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL:

WILLIAM K. NAYLOR,

*Colonel, General Staff, Chief of Staff.*Official: H. S. HOOKER, *Major, A. G. E. C., Actg. Div. Adjutant.*HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 8th July, 1918.

TO ALL REGIMENTAL AND BRIGADE COMMANDERS:

The Division Commander takes pleasure in repeating the following letter for your information:

"HdQRS. 4th Aust. Divn., 7th July, 1918.

My dear General:

I am writing to thank you and the troops of yours who were attached to my Division for the operations of the 4th July for their excellent work.

Our Brigadiers and Regimental officers speak of your troops action in the highest terms, and we are most grateful for their help.

I enclose a letter from my Asst. Director Medical Services about the valuable assistance given by 108th Coy U. S. Engineers, which shows the excellent spirit of comradeship displayed by them and which is typical of all the U. S. troops attached to us.

I much regret the losses suffered, but we consider our casualties to be light. I hope those taking part in the operation learned a good deal.

With sincerest wishes of good fortune to you and your command and again tendering our sincere thanks, I am

Yours sincerely,

E. G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN,

Major General, Comdg. 4th Aust. Divn."

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL:

H. S. HOOKER, *Major, A. G. E. C., Actg. Div. Adjutant.*

FOURTH ARMY NO. G. S. 2/13.
33RD ILLINOIS DIVISION.

On the departure of the 33rd Division from the Fourth Army I desire officially to record my admiration of the energy, keenness and soldierly qualities exhibited by all ranks during their period of training under my orders. The marked advance which has been made and the satisfactory standard of fighting efficiency that has been reached reflect high credit on all concerned, and guarantee that the Division will render brilliant service to the Allied cause wherever it may be employed as a fighting Division in face of the enemy.

My regret is that it will not have further opportunity for offensive action whilst in the Fourth British Army, but portions of the Division have already acquitted themselves most gallantly, and I desire to tender my warm thanks to those units engaged for their brilliant successes in the HAMEL offensive and at GRESSAIRE WOOD.

I greatly regret the departure of the Division and offer to General Bell and all ranks under his command the best of good fortune in the strenuous times which lie before them.

H. RAWLINSON,

General, Commanding Fourth Army.

H. Q., Fourth Army, 21st August, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS 66TH INF. BRIGADE,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

September 29, 1918.

MEMORANDUM NO. 10:

1. On the morning of the 10th of Sept., 1918, this Brigade took over the lines occupied by part of the 120th (French) Division. This famous front, where for four years some of the most desperate battles of the war have been staged, is known as the DEAD MAN'S HILL Sector. Since the beginning of the war more than a million men have been killed and wounded in this formidable stronghold. Opposite to us the enemy were so strongly entrenched, having a swamp, a river and heavily fortified heights as protection, that they did not even anticipate an attempt on our part to make an attack at this point.

In spite of these obstacles we decided to cross and prepared to bridge the swamp and the FORGES Creek by means of bundles of fascines, duck boards and planks which were brought up and placed in the outpost trenches during three nights before the attack. Enough material was brought forward to construct four bridges, each 200 yards in length.

On the night before the morning of the attack, the extremely difficult and dangerous operation of cutting lanes through the barbed wire entanglements was accomplished. These bands of wire stretching all along in front of our trenches in places exceeded 200 yards in width. The assembly of the troops in position before the signal to attack was also a very difficult and complicated task but the lines of columns were formed ready to file out of the lanes in the wire without confusion.

The night of the attack was very quiet and as there was a full moon we expected to have difficulty in getting out of the trenches without being observed; but fortunately as the moon rose, a heavy ground mist gathered which undoubtedly saved us many lives. About midnight the big guns of the Corps and Army began their preparation and from then on kept up an ever increasing roar. At 5:30 A. M., when our Division Artillery began their barrage on the enemy front lines and our Infantry left the trenches, the bombardment was terrific.

Our plan was to attack with both regiments side by side in the line each sup-

ported by its own reserves, and by two companies of machine guns. Under the protection of our barrage, they left the trenches and in an orderly manner crossed the bridges which our engineers had pushed out over the swamp and formed up on the other side of the FORGES Stream.

The 132nd Regiment on the right had, as its task, to attack and drive the enemy from FORGES Wood. This wood, which was at first thought to be fairly open, turned out to be a tangle of trees and underbrush thickly sown with wire entanglements and machine guns. Our troops performed their task with bravery and dispatch, and making a turning movement, surrounded some of the enemy who were heavily entrenched with machine guns near the bend of the river to the south, and attacked them from the rear, much to their surprise. This brought the 132nd Regiment to their objective on schedule time and with remarkably few casualties considering the formidable obstacles which they had to overcome.

The 131st Regiment had to attack independently of any support, excepting its own reserves, in a northerly direction through the fortified remains of two towns and along the edge of the celebrated JURE Woods. The Division on their left having been held up, they still proceeded and attained their objective (the River Meuse) according to schedule without wavering and with faithful obedience to their orders.

The Machine Gun Companies, which accompanied the Battalions in the attack, rendered excellent service. Notwithstanding the difficulties in getting their guns across FORGES Creek and Woods, they followed closely behind the Infantry and maintained perfect liaison with it. The Machine Gun barrage was delivered accurately and offered good protection in covering the Creek.

A Company of Corps Gas troops accompanied the advance and aided by laying smoke screens at certain points.

The courage and tenacity of the Engineers, who had to precede the Infantry and who remained to hold and repair the bridges over which the Infantry passed under the fire of the enemy, is to be specially commended.

Over 1,000 prisoners, including 28 officers, were captured by the Brigade, many of these were from famous Prussian regiments.

Many batteries of cannon, both heavy and light, 150 machine guns (many of which were turned upon the retreating enemy), enemy signals, ammunition, and much war material were also captured.

The comparatively small losses of our own troops was due to the systematic way in which the attack was planned and carried out, and to the admirable initiative on the part of officers and men in keeping their formations and proper directions so that none interfered with the other and everyone's effort was co-ordinated to the attack as a whole.

Unusual judgment was used in reducing machine gun nests with very little loss, by attacking them on the flanks and rear.

Special care was taken that details of the attack were known by platoon leaders and privates were informed of the extent of the attack and of what was expected from them.

Our liaison arrangements were admirable and we were enabled to keep in touch with each other throughout the battle and during the consolidation.

2. The Brigade Commander directs that this Memorandum be read to each platoon in the organizations of the Brigade.

3. He wishes to express his satisfaction with the results accomplished by the Brigade, and congratulates his command on their successes.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL WOLF:

H. P. ERSKINE, *Captain, Brigade Adjutant.*

HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 11th November, 1918.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 144:

The Armistice has been signed and hostilities have ceased, at least for the present. The Division Commander takes this opportunity of expressing his appreciation and pride to all ranks for their efficient and effective work.

Shortly after leaving New York in May, 1918, the Division took station with the British in the defense of Amiens. On the morning of July 4th, 1918, part of it attacked, and Americans for the first time in history were associated on the battlefield with Australians, winning the victory of Hamel—described by the Commanding General of the Australian Corps as “an historic event of such significance that it will live forever in the annals of our respective nations.” The dash and gallantry displayed on this occasion was recognized by the British Commander-in-Chief and rewarded by the King. The engagement had far reaching results. On the 9th of August at Gressaire Wood and Chipilly the Division materially assisted the beginning of what developed into the final British advance and were again honored by the British nation. On September 26th and October 9th, as part of the First American Army, it carried all its objectives in the Verdun Sector and held the territory won on both sides of the Meuse. It has been awarded decorations by our Government and our former French Corps Commander has asked that recommendations be submitted for the Croix de Guerre. Such is the record of this Division.

The Commanding General congratulates officers and men, soldiers of the Great War, on these things done by them in the service of their country.

This order will be read to the troops at the first formation after receipt by the Commanding Officer of each unit.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL:

WILLIAM K. NAYLOR,

Brigadier General, General Staff, Chief of Staff.

G. H. Q.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, November 13, 1918.

TRANSLATION OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 204:

The following communication from the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies is published to the command:

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, November 12, 1918.

OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, SOLDIERS OF THE ALLIED
ARMIES:

After having resolutely stopped the enemy you have during the month, with an unceasing force and energy attacked without respite.

You have won the grandest battle of History and have saved the most sacred cause: the Liberty of the World.

Rejoice!

With immortal glory you have covered your banners.

Posterity shall guard your remembrance.

F. FOCH,

The Marshal of France.

Commander-in-Chief of Allied Armies.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL PERSHING

JAMES W. McANDREWS, *Chief of Staff.*

HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 14th November, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 145:

1. The following General Order of November 12th, 1918, from the Commander-in-Chief, is quoted for the information of all concerned:

"The enemy has capitulated. It is fitting that I address myself in thanks directly to the officers and soldiers of American Expeditionary Forces who by their heroic efforts have made possible this glorious result. Our armies, hurriedly raised and hastily trained, met a veteran enemy, and by courage, discipline and skill always defeated him. Without complaint you have endured incessant toil, privation and danger. You have seen many of your comrades make the supreme sacrifice that freedom may live. I thank you for the patience and courage with which you have endured. I congratulate you upon the splendid fruits of victory which your heroism and the blood of our gallant dead are now presenting to our nation. Your deeds will live forever on the most glorious pages of America's History. Those things you have done. There remains now a harder task which will test your soldierly qualities to the utmost. Succeed in this and little note will be taken and few praises will be sung; fail and the light of your glorious achievement of the past will sadly be dimmed. But you will not fail. Every natural tendency may urge towards relaxation and discipline, in conduct, in appearance, in everything that marks the soldier. Yet, you will remember that each Officer and each Soldier is the representative in EUROPE of his people and that his brilliant deeds of yesterday permit no action of today to pass unnoticed by friend or by foe. You will meet this test as gallantly as you have met the tests of the battlefield. Sustained by your high ideals and inspired by the heroic part you have played, you will carry back to our people the proud consciousness of a new Americanism born of sacrifice. Whether you stand on hostile territory or on the friendly soil of France, you will so bear yourself in discipline, appearance and respect for all civil rights that you will confirm for all time the pride and love which every American feels for your uniform and for you.

Signed: PERSHING."

This order will be read to the troops at the first formation after receipt by the Commanding Officer of each unit.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL:

WILLIAM K. NAYLOR,
Brigadier General, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

FREDERIC L. HUIDEKOPER,
Lt. Colonel, A. G.,
*Division Adjutant.*HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 18th October, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 135:

I. 1. The Commanding General calls attention with pleasure to the following communication, dated 15th October, 1918, from Headquarters 17th French Army Corps.

“Officers, N. C. O.’s, and soldiers of the 29th and 33rd U. S. Divisions, 18th, 26th and 10th Divisions.

You have conquered LA WAVRILLE, Bois de CAURES and Bois d’HAUMOT, you have reached the crest of de l’ORMONT and passed le RICHENE and Bois de CHAUME.

The Austro-Germans have lost in an arc of 15 kilometers their observation points which have defied the heroic defenders of VERDUN.

The 8th October you advanced with a magnificent dash on the formidable slopes and across powerful and deep enemy breast works. The following days you pursued and attempted to advance, which held against all enemy counter-attacks. You obliged him to bring hastily a number of re-inforcements which did not succeed in taking from you one hand-full of ground. 5,800 prisoners, more than 50 guns and machine guns and material not yet counted, is the achievements of these great days.

All Infantry, Artillery, Engineers, Aviators, Staffs and services all of you have your part in the success. American soldiers, French soldiers, both white and black, you have rivaled in valor and comradeship to tear off the bandage which still afflicts our immortal Citadel.

I am proud to have commanded you.

Signed: CLAUDEL.”

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL:

WILLIAM K. NAYLOR,

*Brigadier General, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.*

OFFICIAL:

H. S. HOOKER,

Major, A. G.,

Actg. Div. Adjutant.

(FOR OFFICIAL CIRCULATION ONLY.)

G. H. Q.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, Nov. 15, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 206:

The following cabled communication from the Secretary of War is published to the command:

“The signing of the armistice and the cessation of hostilities brings to an end a great and heroic military adventure in which the Army under your command has played a part distinguished by gallantry and success. It gives me pleasure to express to you the confidence and appreciation of the War Department and to those who have labored with you to make this result possible this appreciation of their zeal, courage and strength, both of purpose and achievement. The entire country is filled with pride in your fine leadership and in the soldierly qualities shown by your Army. Now that a respite has come in the solemn task to which the Army devoted itself, the War Department will do all in its power to expedite the early return of the Expeditionary Forces to the United States in order that the country may welcome its soldiers home, and in order that these soldiers may be restored to the opportunities of civil life as speedily as the military situation will permit. I extend to you as Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces my hearty congratulations and this expression of high esteem, and I beg you to make known to the officers and men of your command the fact that their conduct as soldiers and as men has stirred the pride of

their fellow countrymen, and that their military success has contributed to the great victory for the forces of civilization and humanity.

(Signed) NEWTON D. BAKER,
Secretary of War."

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL PERSHING:

JAMES W. McANDREW,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL: ROBERT C. DAVIS, *Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Luxembourg, 16th December, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 150:

1. The following letter is published to the Division in recognition of its work in the TROYON Sector:

“HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMY

American E. F., France, 12th December, 1918.

FROM: Commanding General, Second Army.

TO: Commanding General, 33rd Division, American E. F.

SUBJECT: Activity of the 33rd Division prior to the Armistice.

1. Upon the transfer of the 33rd Division, from the Second to the Third American Army, I desire to express to you my gratification at the vigorous and successful activities of your division during the period of active operations preceding the Armistice.

2. The 33rd Division, although occupying a broad front, was called upon to advance towards CONFLANS, and was engaged in the performance of this mission at the time that hostilities ceased.

3. On November 6 to 7, when accurate information of the enemy's intentions was greatly desired, raiding parties from your Division penetrated to CHATEAU d'AULNOIS and captured 21 prisoners, including one officer. On November 7 to 8, your reconnaissance patrols entered BOIS d'HARVILLE and ST. HILAIRE and brought back 8 prisoners. On November 9 to 10, you drove the enemy from the towns of ST. HILAIRE and MARCHEVILLE and, at the time of cessation of Hostilities, your division had occupied these towns, as well as the towns of BUTGNEVILLE and RIAVILLE.

4. The conduct of the 33rd Division exemplified its ability to execute promptly and thoroughly the tasks which were given to it. There was shown, on the part of both officers and men, an efficiency and fighting spirit which are highly commendable.

(Signed) R. L. BULLARD,
Lieutenant General, U. S. A."

2. This order will be read to the troops at the first formation after receipt by the Commanding Officers of each unit.

By COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL:

WILLIAM H. SIMPSON,
Lieut.-Colonel, General Staff,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

FREDERIC L. HUIDEKOPER, *Lieut.-Colonel, A. G., Division Adjutant.*

HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

A. P. O. 750

LUXEMBOURG, 24th January, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 11:

MEUSE-ARGONNE BATTLE.

A corrected copy of G. O. 232, H. A. E. F., dated 19th December, 1918, has been received from G. H. Q. and is published below for information and compliance with the final paragraph thereof. Bulletin No. 141, Headquarters 33rd Division, dated 28th December, 1918,—which published the original copy of G. O. 232—is, therefore, cancelled:

“It is with a sense of gratitude for its splendid accomplishment, which will live through all history, that I record in General Orders a tribute to the victory of the First Army in the Meuse-Argonne battle.

Tested and strengthened by the reduction of the St. Mihiel salient, for more than six weeks you battered against the pivot of the enemy line on the western front. It was a position of imposing natural strength, stretching on both sides of the Meuse River from the bitterly contested hills of Verdun to the almost impenetrable forest of the Argonne; a position, moreover, fortified by four years of labor designed to render it impregnable; a position held with the fullest resources of the enemy. That position you broke utterly, and thereby hastened the collapse of the enemy's military power.

Soldiers of all of the divisions engaged under the First, Third and Fifth American Corps and the Second Colonial and Seventeenth French Corps—the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 26th, 28th, 29th, 32nd, 33rd, 35th, 37th, 42nd, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 89th, 90th and 91st American Divisions, the 18th and 26th French Divisions, and the 10th and 15th French Colonial divisions—you will be long remembered for the stubborn persistence of your progress, your storming of obstinately defended machine gun nests, your penetration, yard by yard, of woods and ravines, your heroic resistance in the face of counter-attacks supported by powerful artillery fire. For more than a month, from the initial attack of September 26th, you fought your way slowly through the Argonne, through the woods and over the hills west of the Meuse; you slowly enlarged your hold on the Cotes de Meuse to the east, and then, on the 1st of November, your attack forced the enemy into flight. Pressing his retreat, you cleared the entire left bank of the Meuse south of Sedan, and then stormed the heights on the right bank and drove him into the plain beyond.

Soldiers of all army and corps troops engaged—to you no less credit is due; your steadfast adherence to duty and your dogged determination in the face of all obstacles made possible the heroic deeds cited above.

The achievement of the First Army which is scarcely to be equalled in American History, must remain a source of proud satisfaction to the troops who participated in the last campaign of the war. The American people will remember it as the realization of the hitherto potential strength of the American contribution toward the cause to which they had sworn allegiance. There can be no greater reward for a soldier or for a soldier's memory.

This order will be read to all organizations at the first assembly formation after its receipt.”

By COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL:

WILLIAM H. SIMPSON,

*Lieut.-Colonel, General Staff,**Acting Chief of Staff.*

HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.
A. P. O. 750

LUXEMBOURG, 23rd February, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 24:

I. In compliance with the expressed wish of the Commanding General, Second Army, the Division Commander takes pleasure in publishing to the 33rd Division the following letter in recognition of its work in the VERDUN Sector while it formed a part of the 3rd (American) Corps:

“HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMY
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
OFFICE OF COMMANDING GENERAL.

18th February, 1919.

FROM: Lieutenant General R. L. Bullard.
TO: Major General George Bell, Jr., Commanding 33rd Division (Through Commanding General, VI Corps).
SUBJECT: Commendation of the Commanding General, 33rd Division, and of his Division.

1. I desire to make of record the fact that as Commanding General of the III Corps in the battle of the Meuse-Argonne I repeatedly took occasion between September 26, and October 7, to commend in high terms your own command of the 33rd Division and the valiant and efficient conduct of that Division in the great battle in which you were taking part at that time. Every duty, every mission assigned to you and to your Division was executed with zeal, skill, smoothness and valor that deserved the highest commendation. I so stated to you at that time, as you will remember, but you and your Division on October 7 were unexpectedly to me detached from the III Corps. I then expected and hoped that in a few days you would be returned to my Command and that I would have opportunity then to commend the conduct of your Division in this battle; but I myself was separated from this Command unexpectedly a few days later and this opportunity thus never came. I take it now.

I would appreciate it, if you will communicate this to your Division.

R. L. BULLARD,
*Lieut. General, U. S. A.,
Commanding 2nd Army.*”

RLB:s

“201.1—Commendations. 1st Ind.

Hdqrs. VI Army Corps, APO 783, American E. F., 20 February, 1919,
To the Commanding General, 33rd Division, American E. F.

1. It gives me great pleasure to forward this acknowledgment of the service rendered by your division, knowing that the commendation has been justly earned.

The spirit which enabled the accomplishment of such marked success in active service, still maintains the division, in time of peace, at a standard of efficiency excelled by none.

A. CRONKHITE,
*Major General, U. S. A.,
Commanding.*”

HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.
A. P. O. 750

LUXEMBOURG, 9th March, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 32:

I. The Division Commander takes exceptional pleasure in publishing to the command, the following letter:

“HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMY
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
OFFICE OF COMMANDING GENERAL.

3 March, 1919.

FROM: Commanding General, Second Army.
TO: Commanding General, 33rd Division.
SUBJECT: Horse Show.

1. The reports that have come to me of the splendid success of your Divisional Horse Show at Diekirch last Thursday, 27th February, have given me the greatest pleasure.

2. Please accept my congratulations for yourself and all officers and men of your Command, not only on the zeal and efficiency with which the show was managed and the generally creditable appearance and high class of all exhibits and exhibitors, but also on the magnificent appearance of your chosen Guard of Honor and the military smartness of all concerned. The show was in itself proof of thorough and far-seeing plans well made and of a most praiseworthy attention to details.

3. It was truly a task well done and my only regret is that I could not have been personally present.

(Signed) R. L. BULLARD,
Lieutenant General, U. S. A.”

II. This order will be read to all troops at the first assembly formation after its receipt.

By COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL:

WILLIAM H. SIMPSON,
Lieut.-Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
ON BOARD U. S. S. “MOUNT VERNON”
NEW YORK HARBOR

May 17, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 54:

I. The Division Commander takes the greatest pleasure in publishing to the command the following letter from the Commander-in-Chief, American Expeditionary Forces, General John J. Pershing:

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Office of the Commander-in-Chief.

MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE BELL,
Commanding 33rd Division,
American E. F.

FRANCE, April 23, 1919.

MY DEAR GENERAL BELL:

It afforded me great satisfaction to inspect the 33rd Division at Ettelbruck on April 22nd, and to extend at that time, to the officers and men of your command my congratulations on their fine appearance and appreciation of their splendid record while in France.

The Division had an interesting and varied battle experience. One of those to be schooled with the British Expeditionary Forces, it arrived in France towards the end of May, 1918, where it trained with the 4th Army. Although, as a Division, it did not enter the line here, yet the majority of the organizations had hard fighting before they left the British Sector. On July 4th, parts of the 131st and 132nd Regiments of Infantry, brigaded with Australian troops, successfully attacked Hamel and the Hamel and Vaire Woods. On August 9th, the 131st Infantry, under the 58th British Division, successfully attacked Chipilly Ridge and the Gressaire Woods, an operation made especially difficult by the character of the terrain. Towards the end of August the Division joined the First American Army in the Toul Sector, remaining in reserve until September 5th. On September 10th, it relieved a French Division in the Blercourt area, southwest of Verdun. It took part in the opening of the great Meuse-Argonne offensive, capturing the Bois des Forges, and occupying the sector facing the Meuse River. Beginning with October 8th, it participated in the operations east of the Meuse, pressing vigorous attacks on the 11th, 12th and 13th in the vicinity of Consenvoye and the Bois de Chaume and the Bois de Plat Chene. It remained astride of the Meuse until it was relieved on October 21st, during which entire period it was constantly subjected to heavy artillery and machine gun fire from the heights of the west bank, and was continually in action. On October 26th, it re-entered the line in the Troyon Sector where it took part in the attack of the Second Army, driving the enemy from the towns of St. Hillaire and Marcheville and occupying the towns of Butgnville and Riaville. The Division was advancing when hostilities ended with the Armistice.

It is gratifying to see your troops in such good physical shape and still more so to know that the moral tone of all ranks is so high. I believe that they will return with this high standard to perform in the same way whatever tasks may lie before them in civil life. They should go home proud of themselves and of the part they have played, and conscious of the respect and admiration of their comrades throughout the American Expeditionary Forces.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) JOHN J. PERSHING.

II. The Division Commander takes the same pleasure in publishing the following letter from the President of the Council, Minister of War, Republic of France:

(Translation.)

FRENCH REPUBLIC.

PARIS, May 5th, 1919.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL,
Minister of War.

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE 33RD DIVISION:

MY DEAR GENERAL:

At the hour when the 33rd Division embarks for the United States, I think with gratitude of the battles in which it has been engaged and displayed such great valor.

After having fought its first battles alongside our British Allies, it was near Verdun that the 33rd Division joined hands in battle with its French comrades. The taking of Bois de Forges on September 27th, revealed the dashing aggressiveness of your division. A few days later at Bois de Chaume on the 8th of October the 33rd Division reaffirmed its tenacity, repulsing by stubborn counter-attacks, the enemy who tried in vain to retake the lost ground.

Your division again gave an example of its fine spirit of aggressiveness the last days before the Armistice when it followed on the heels of the retreating enemy.

We shall preserve the precious memory of the exploits of your fine soldiers. I hereby tender them the expression of gratitude of the Governor of the French Republic, to the living as well as to the dead.

Accept, my dear General, the assurances of my most devoted sentiment.

(Signed) For the President of the Council
and by his order
The Commissioner General of Franco-American
Department of War.
ANDRE TARDIEU.

III. A copy of this General Order will be presented to every member of this Division.

By COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL:

WILLIAM H. SIMPSON,
Lieut. Colonel, General Staff,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

JAMES H. STANSFIELD,
Lieut. Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Division Adjutant.

CHAPTER XII

AWARDS OF MILITARY DECORATIONS, 131ST REGIMENT INFANTRY

Colonel Joseph B. Sanborn—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Distinguished Service Order (British), Order of Leopold, Officer (Belgian), Legion of Honor, Officer (French), Croix de Guerre with Palm (French).
Distinguished Service Medal (American).

Major Francis M. Allen, 3rd Bn.—Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star (French).
Captain William M. Wilson, Co. A—Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star (French).
1st Lt. Walter U. Beauvais, Co. M—Distinguished Service Cross (American).
1st Lt. H. A. Dickson, Co. F—Distinguished Service Cross (American).
1st Lt. Albert G. Jefferson, Co. C—Distinguished Service Cross (American),
Military Cross (British).

1st Lt. Henry N. Pride, Co. A—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

1st Lt. Norman A. Schwald, Med. Cps.—Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star (French).

1st Lt. Joseph E. Shantz, 3rd Bn.—Distinguished Service Cross (American),
Croix de Guerre (French).

1st Lt. Herman H. Weimer, Co. H—Distinguished Service Cross (American),
Croix de Guerre with Palm (French).

2nd Lt. Henry J. Dick, Co. H—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

2nd Lt. Hardin F. Horton, Co. C—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

2nd Lt. John C. Lee, Co. H—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

2nd Lt. George W. Sherwood, Co. G—Military Cross (British).

Enlisted Men.

1st Sgt. Riddle, Lawrence S., Co. I—Croix de Guerre (French).

Sgt. Breaky, John, Co. H—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military
Medal (British), Croix de Guerre (French).

Sgt. Cook, Robert R., Co. A—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Croix
de Guerre with Palm (French).

Sgt. Erhart, A., Co. E—Military Medal (British).

Sgt. Goodwillie, Herrick, Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Sgt. Gourley, George B., Co. E—Distinguished Service Cross (American),
Military Medal (British).

Sgt. Harrel, Benjamin H., Co. K—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Sgt. Jackson, James, Co. K—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Sgt. Johnson, Swan E., Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Sgt. Jones, William, Co. G—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Croix de
Guerre with Silver Star (French).

Sgt. Krum, James E., Co. E—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military
Medal (British).

Sgt. May, George J., Co. G—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Sgt. McGuire, Sidney C., Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Sgt. Peabody, Walter C., Co. D—Military Medal (British), Distinguished Service Cross (American), Croix de Guerre (Belgian), Croix de Guerre with Gold Star (French).

Sgt. Perrie, John C., Hq. Co.—Croix de Guerre with Gold Star (French).

Sgt. Peterson, Van Walker, Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Sgt. Piepho, William, Co. F—Croix de Guerre (French).

Sgt. Powers, James B., Co. L—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Sgt. Rivers, Louis R., Co. B—Military Medal (British), Distinguished Service Cross (American), Croix de Guerre (Belgian).

Sgt. Rochfort, James J., Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Sgt. Scholes, William B., Co. C—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British), Croix de Guerre with Palm (French).

Sgt. Skogsburg, Vivian, Co. L—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Sgt. Thornycroft, Matthew, Co. D—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British), Croix de Guerre (Belgian).

Sgt. Walsh, Thomas J., Co. D—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Sgt. Washa, James J., Co. F—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Sgt. Woodsmall, William, Co. A—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Croix de Guerre with Palm (French).

Cpl. Alex, Jake, Co. H—Medal of Honor (American), Distinguished Conduct Medal (British), Medaille Militaire (French), Croix de Guerre (French).

Cpl. Beato, John, Co. H—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Cpl. Boyatt, Charles H., Co. L—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Cpl. Curtis, Nathan M., Co. L—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Cpl. Dixon, Roy T., Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Cpl. Fairman, Solomon C., Co. H—Croix de Guerre with Palm (French).

Cpl. Flynn, John L., Co. G—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Croix de Guerre (French).

Cpl. Hobschied, Paul, Co. C—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Distinguished Conduct Medal (British), Medaille Militaire (French), Croix de Guerre (French).

Cpl. Howard, Robert P., Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Cpl. Koerper, Frank P., Hq. Co.—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Cpl. Larson, Walter N., Co. G—Military Medal (British).

Cpl. Lieberman, Nathan M., Co. C—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Cpl. Mance, Stephen M., Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Distinguished Conduct Medal (British).

Cpl. Miles, John, Co. F—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Cpl. Mills, Frank L., Co. B—Military Medal (British).

Cpl. O'Keefe, John J., Co. M—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Croix de Guerre with Silver Star (French).

Cpl. Palubaek, Gus, Co. H—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Cpl. Pope, Thomas, Co. E—Medal of Honor (American), Distinguished Conduct Medal (British), Medaille Militaire (French), Croix de Guerre (French).

Cpl. Powell, Raymond H., Co. E—Military Medal (British), Croix de Guerre (Belgian).

Cpl. Shabinger, Andrew C., Co. E—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Cpl. Somnitz, Carl, Co. F—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Cpl. Swabey, Fred, Co. L—Croix de Guerre (French).

Cpl. Waters, James L., Co. C—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Cpl. Whitson, Lester C., Co. E—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Cpl. Wiberg, Alvin C., Co. C—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Cpl. Zyburt, Henry, Co. E—Military Medal (British).

Mech. Watkin, Anton J., Co. A—Military Medal (British), Distinguished Service Cross (American), Decoration Militaire (Belgian).

Pvt. Anderson, William A., Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Bark, Charles C., Co. C—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British), Croix de Guerre (Belgian).

Pvt. Blackwell, William T., Co. D—Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Bremner, Frank, Co. G—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Carlson, Swen, Co. M—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Curr, William, Co. A—Military Medal (British).

Pvt. DeBonis, Samuel T., Co. A—Military Medal (British), Croix de Guerre (Belgian).

Pvt. Dunne, Christopher C., Co. D—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Flagg, Daniel S., Co. M—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Gaston, George F., Co. H—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Hanna, Leon M., Co. D—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Hample, Harry E., Co. C—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Heacox, Harry, Co. I—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Hilton, James W., Sp. Co.—Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Holmes, Albert, Co. H—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British), Medaille Militaire (French), Croix de Guerre (French).

Pvt. Herter, Edward, Co. M—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Jones, Percy, Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Keane, Christopher W., Hosp.—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Keeper, Easter, Co. L—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Kostak, Frank J., Co. G—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Distinguished Conduct Medal (British), Medaille Militaire (French), Croix de Guerre (French).

Pvt. Krueger, Arthur, Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Croix de Guerre (French).

Pvt. Leahy, David T., Co. A—Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Lidwell, Edward, Co. H—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Liljeberg, Ragnar, Co. D—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Lindsay, Robert W., Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Linsky, William C., Co. E—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Mallan, John C., Co. H—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. McBreen, Leon, Co. M—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Michaelis, Charles, Co. E—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Nelson, Adolph, Co. H—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Peters, William, Co. I—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Croix de Guerre with Palm (French).

Pvt. Petty, Willard D., Co. B—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Redding, Ray, Co. E—Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Smotherman, Horace, Co. F—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Stokes, Harry, Co. C—Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Sweredo, J., Co. E—Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Timblin, Archie F., Co. F—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Wickham, Gordon, Hq. Co.—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British).

Pvt. Williams, Will J., Co. E—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

Pvt. Woodward, Dickson, Co. A—Distinguished Service Cross (American), Military Medal (British), Croix de Guerre (Belgian).

Pvt. Zappa, Steve, Co. C—Distinguished Service Cross (American).

August 14, 1919.

STATEMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED BY OPERATIONS
OFFICER, 131ST REGIMENT INFANTRY

Total recommendations received.....	355
Total recommendations recommended for D. S. C.....	181
Total recommendations recommended for D. S. M.....	4
Total recommendations recommended for Mer. Cond. Cert.....	139
Total not recommended.....	31
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RECAPITULATION.

Decoration	Officers	Other ranks	Total
American	11	76	87
British	3	42	45
French	7	25	32
Belgian	1	8	9
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Total	22	151	173

Aug. 1st, 1919.

LIST OF PERSONS AWARDED THE MERITORIOUS CONDUCT CERTIFICATE, 33RD DIVISION, FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

Names marked with star are of officers and men recommended for D. S. C. or D. S. M. with awards still pending.

May 20th, 1919.

OFFICERS

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| <p>*Lieut. Col. James H. Stansfield, 132nd Infantry—Attached</p> <p>*Major Edward Bittel, 130th Infantry—Attached</p> <p>*Major Francis M. Allen, 3rd Bn.</p> <p>*Captain Carroll M. Gale, Co. C</p> <p>*Captain Walter H. Magner</p> <p>*Captain George N. Malstrom, Operations Officer</p> <p>*Captain William R. Mangum, Medical Corps</p> <p>*Captain Louis Preston, Co. B</p> <p>*Captain John M. Richmond, Co. D</p> <p>*Captain William M. Wilson, Co. A</p> <p>*1st Lieut. Elden L. Belt, Co. A</p> <p>*1st Lieut. Walter C. Bisson, Medical Corps</p> <p>1st Lieut. Frank DeVaney, Co. B</p> <p>*1st Lieut. Raymond F. Fiedler, Co. K</p> <p>*1st Lieut. Hyman Frieburg, Co. E</p> | <p>*1st Lieut. Harry E. Hackett, Co. G</p> <p>*1st Lieut. James P. King, 122d Machine Gun Bn.—Attached</p> <p>*1st Lieut. Raymond Lewis, Co. L</p> <p>*1st Lieut. John R. Marechant, Co. D</p> <p>*1st Lieut. Norman A. Schwald, Medical Corps</p> <p>*Chaplain Thomas R. Egerton, Field & Staff</p> <p>*2nd Lieut. Richard H. Buvens, Co. M</p> <p>2nd Lieut. Henry J. Dick, Co. H</p> <p>*2nd Lieut. Julian L. Douglas, Co. G</p> <p>2nd Lieut. Paul F. Hunnewell, Co. H</p> <p>*2nd Lieut. William A. Joos, Co. G</p> <p>*2nd Lieut. John C. Lee, Co. H</p> <p>2nd Lieut. Halton N. Nichols, Co. H</p> <p>*2nd Lieut. George W. Sherwood, Co. G</p> <p>2nd Lieut. Samuel Silverman, Co. K</p> <p>*2nd Lieut. Frank O. Tillson, Co. H</p> <p>*2nd Lieut. Francis W. Whitney, Co. C</p> |
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ENLISTED MEN

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| <p>Regtl Sup. Sgt. Oscar Leiser, Supply Co.</p> <p>Bn. Sgt. Maj. Axel T. Erickson, 3rd Bn.</p> <p>Bn. Sgt. Maj. Arthur E. Owen, 2nd Bn.</p> <p>*1st Sgt. Mook, Garrett, Co. F</p> <p>1st Sgt. Prescott, Fred O., Co. B</p> <p>*1st Sgt. Taylor, Leigh S., Co. A</p> <p>*Mess Sgt. Lindsey, Howard T., Co. B</p> <p>*Sgt. Backstrom, Robert F., Co. B</p> <p>Sgt. Bailie, George, Co. I</p> <p>*Sgt. Baker, Martin S., Co. M</p> <p>*Sgt. Callahan, Frank, Co. L</p> <p>Sgt. Cowles, Fred S., Co. F</p> <p>Sgt. Crotty, George A., Co. L</p> <p>*Sgt. Davidson, William, Co. D</p> <p>*Sgt. Deal, John P., Co. B</p> <p>Sgt. Dore, Frank O., Co. D</p> | <p>*Sgt. Dyas, Arthur, M. G. Co.</p> <p>Sgt. French, Dee Marion, Co. K</p> <p>*Sgt. Garvey, Martin, Co. I</p> <p>*Sgt. Gunderson, Arthur T., Co. B</p> <p>Sgt. Hall, George F., Co. H</p> <p>*Sgt. Harris, Harvie A., Med. Corps</p> <p>Sgt. Hegberg, Leslie, Co. G</p> <p>Sgt. Heide, Ernest L., Co. A</p> <p>Sgt. Johnson, Virgil E., Co. B</p> <p>Sgt. Knight, Robt. H., Co. K</p> <p>Sgt. Layne, Ralph P., Co. H</p> <p>*Sgt. Lemmon, Albert, Co. L</p> <p>*Sgt. McIntosh, Donald J., Co. G</p> <p>Sgt. Midkiff, Holly, Co. L</p> <p>*Sgt. Morris, Edgar, Co. E</p> <p>Sgt. Nagel, Elmer P., Co. L</p> <p>*Sgt. Perkins, Earl H., Co. M</p> <p>*Sgt. Perrie, John C., Hq. Co.</p> |
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- *Sgt. Piepho, William, Co. F
 *Sgt. Potter, Walter, Co. L
 *Sgt. Sells, Jackson J., Co. B
 Sgt. Sloeum, Herman, Co. A
 Sgt. Stapleton, John T., Co. A
 Sgt. Runyan, Leonard, Co. L
 Sgt. Trahan, Joseph F., Co. M
 Sgt. Verzin, Peter, Co. H
 Sgt. Walsh, Thomas J., Co. D
 *Sgt. Wesche, Harry C., Co. G
 *Sgt. Wileox, Ernest, Co. M
 Sgt. Wingertner, Anton, Co. L
 Cpl. Allison, Frank L., Co. L
 *Cpl. Banks, Martin S., Co. M
 Cpl. Brabec, Theophilus, Co. M
 Cpl. Brockman, Irving, Co. M
 Cpl. Buxton, William C., Co. K
 Cpl. Crews, Charles O., Co. L
 *Cpl. Dixon, Roy T., Co. B
 Cpl. Eakin, Early, Co. M
 Cpl. Ellis, Charles W., Co. G
 Cpl. Erickson, Roy, Co. B
 Cpl. Evangelista, John, Co. L
 *Cpl. Fairman, Sol C., Co. H
 Cpl. Fichter, John, Co. B
 Cpl. Fulton, John L., Co. K
 Cpl. Garrity, Frank, Co. G
 Cpl. Gentry, Robert, Co. L
 *Cpl. Iwicki, Edward Walter, 108th F.
 S. Bn.—Attached
 *Cpl. Loh, Jacob W., Hq. Co.
 *Cpl. Madsen, Alex M., Co. M
 Cpl. McCleary, Victor, Co. L
 *Cpl. McNamara, Thomas R., Co. D
 Cpl. Mercatoris, Dominic L., Co. K
 *Cpl. Mills, Frank L., Co. B
 Cpl. Murray, John J., Co. M
 *Cpl. Sneed, James W., Co. M
 *Cpl. Soens, John E., Co. M
 *Cpl. Storey, Earl W., Hq. Co.
 Cpl. VanLoon, John C., Co. M
 Cpl. Wadena, J. S., Co. K
 Cpl. Waters, Daniel, Co. K
 Mech. Dodder, William A., Co. G
 *Mech. Hoffmann, Ladislaus, Co. M
 Bugler Gordon, William J., Co. L
 Wagoner Hilton, James W., Sp. Co.
 *Wagoner Lathrop, A., Sp. Co.
 Pvt. 1cl Brumleve, Robert P., Medical
 Corps
 *Pvt. 1cl. Curr, William, Co. A
 *Pvt. 1cl. Ellis, Mason E., Med. Corps
 Pvt. 1cl. Hunt, James T., Med. Corps
 Pvt. 1cl. McCullough, William B., Med.
 Corps
 Pvt. 1cl. Pearson, Otto, Co. C
 Pvt. 1cl. Randle, Mason, Med. Corps
 *Pvt. 1cl. Russell, Charles, Co. G
 *Pvt. 1cl. Swanson, John C., Co. C.
 *Pvt. 1cl. Trautman, Fred C., Co. E
 Pvt. 1cl. Turner, Fred H., Med. Corps
 *Pvt. 1cl. Tucker, Lee R., Hq. Co.
 Pvt. 1cl. Woessner, John A., Co. I
 Pvt. Anderson, Edward S., Co. B
 Pvt. Anderson, Robert B., Co. K
 *Pvt. Baker, Charles I., Co. H
 *Pvt. Barr, Alvery J., Co. M
 *Pvt. Beck, Alfred, Co. L
 Pvt. Berg, Martin, Co. L
 *Pvt. Bingham, Richard, Hq. Co.
 *Pvt. Bieryta, Michael, Co. M
 Pvt. Blackwell, William, Co. D
 *Pvt. Boening, Philip, Co. M
 Pvt. Bredal, Han, Co. L
 Pvt. Briggs, Alfred B., Co. B
 *Pvt. Bro, Isidor, Co. F
 Pvt. Buechner, John, Co. G
 Pvt. Carlson, Swen, Co. M
 Pvt. Carroll, Walter, Co. B
 Pvt. Carroway, Joseph, Co. L
 *Pvt. Cieslak, Stanley, Co. L
 *Pvt. Clayton, Leonard C., Co. A
 Pvt. Cloonan, Dennis C., Co. M
 *Pvt. Cohen, Julius, Co. F
 Pvt. Cooney, Fenn H., Co. L
 Pvt. Cross, William H., Co. M
 Pvt. Dahl, H. A., Co. K
 *Pvt. DeBois, Samuel, Co. A
 *Pvt. Deasey, Hubert A., Co. F
 Pvt. Dillon, Frank E., Co. M
 *Pvt. Donovan, Paul, Co. F
 Pvt. Drake, Elmer, Co. L
 Pvt. Dunnett, Frank, Co. L
 *Pvt. Eeonomas, Constantino, Co. B
 Pvt. Fino, Antonio, Co. L
 Pvt. Flagg, Daniel S., Co. M
 *Pvt. Furforo, Vincenzo, Co. B
 Pvt. Golla, Ignatz, Co. E
 Pvt. Gorman, Jerome, Co. B
 Pvt. Guy, John, Co. G
 Pvt. Halverson, George G., Co. B
 Pvt. Harter, Edward, Co. M

Pvt. Hartman, Edward, Co. M	Pvt. Nelson, Joseph, Co. D
Pvt. Hoban, John J., Co. M	*Pvt. Norman, Charles I., Co. B
Pvt. Holbrook, Carey T., Co. H	Pvt. Olsen, Walter A., Co. K
Pvt. Horton, Anton, Co. G	Pvt. Olson, Hjalmer, Co. M
Pvt. Horwitz, Isadore, Co. H	Pvt. Olszuk, John, Co. M
*Pvt. Jakutis, Frank A., Co. C	Pvt. Pollos, Peter, Co. L
*Pvt. Johnson, Mounce, M. G. Co.	*Pvt. Redding, Ray, Co. E
Pvt. Jolly, Bion N., Hq. Co.	Pvt. Riccioni, Giuseppe, Co. M
Pvt. Jones, Arthur C., Co. E	*Pvt. Roselle, William T., Co. B
Pvt. Kadison, David, Co. L	Pvt. Roy, Max M., Co. L
Pvt. Kerstein, William, Co. H	Pvt. Rutz, Adolph P., Co. E
Pvt. Klatt, Albert, Co. E	Pvt. Salisbury, George, Co. D
Pvt. Kujawa, Thomas, Co. G	Pvt. Schnittheer, Fred, Co. E
Pvt. Kulpit, Frank, Co. L	*Pvt. Southern, Francis L., M. G. Co.
Pvt. Kirby, George F., Co. M	*Pvt. Stokes, Harry, Co. C
*Pvt. Laird, Harry, Co. B	*Pvt. Vana, Jerry, Co. H
Pvt. Larson, Harold N., Co. L	Pvt. Vanderlee, Garrett, Co. M
*Pvt. Leahy, David T., Co. A	Pvt. VanWinkle, Commodore, Co. M
Pvt. Lettiere, Michael, Co. L	*Pvt. Vanyek, Victor, Co. H
Pvt. Leitzman, Loren, Co. L	Pvt. Walker, Perry, Co. L
Pvt. Lewis, Orson, Co. L	Pvt. Welch, Richard B., Co. L
Pvt. Mathison, William, Co. K	Pvt. White, Henry, Co. B
Pvt. McGregor, George, Co. K	Pvt. Wilcox, Frank, Co. L
Pvt. Neazbe, Joseph, Co. L	Pvt. Wunk, Ignatz, Co. L

SYNOPSIS OF CITATIONS

AWARDS OF MILITARY DECORATIONS—131ST INFANTRY.

COLONEL JOSEPH B. SANBORN, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

“COLONEL SANBORN, exhibited on August 9, 1918, at GRESSAIRE WOOD, France, conspicuous qualities of leadership, gallantry, and personal bravery. After a forced march of 25 miles, his regiment being ordered into a critical engagement at once, this officer, who was 62 years of age, hurried to his front line and personally led it through heavy and concentrated shell fire. His timely action enabled the attack to be made just as the barrage was starting. After leading the attack in person and seeing it well launched, COLONEL SANBORN, still under heavy shell fire, established his P. C. in a shell hole and directed the battle to a successful issue at a keypoint which had often been assaulted but never held.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

ORDER OF LEOPOLD, OFFICER OF (BELGIAN).

In recognition of meritorious services rendered the Allied cause.

LEGION OF HONOR, OFFICER OF (FRENCH).

ORDRE NO. 16,047 “D” (EXTRAIT).

Après approbation du Général Commandant en Chef les Forces expéditionnaires Américaines en France, le Maréchal de France, Commandant en Chef les Armées Françaises de l’Est cite à l’Ordre de l’ARMÉE.

Colonel Joseph B. SANBORN, du 131^e Régiment d’Infanterie Américain:

Son Régiment étant entré en ligne après une marche de 25 Kilomètres, s’est toujours tenu avec les éléments de tête menant sans cessé l’attaque; n’a cessé malgré son âge avancé (62ans) d’être pour tous un exemple d’entrain et de courage.”

Au Grand Quartier Général, le 13 AVRIL 1919.

Le Maréchal de France,

Commandant en Chef les Armées Françaises de l’Est,

PETAIN.

CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM (FRENCH).

(Same citation.)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (AMERICAN).

Colonel Joseph B. Sanborn, U. S. A., Commanded the 131st Infantry during all its campaigns against the enemy displaying military leadership of a high order. His unremitting zeal and tactical skill were largely responsible for the success of his regiment in combat.

MAJOR FRANCIS M. ALLEN, 131st Infantry.

CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

East of the MEUSE RIVER, October 10, 1918, after his battalion had successfully reached their objective, north of BOIS DE CHAUME, and to the east of SIVRY SUR MEUSE, he assumed command of all forward troops, consisting of three separate organizations, after they had become scattered and demoralized. By his coolness under heavy enemy shell fire and by buoyant personality he reorganized and maintained the position the troops had gained against most stubborn enemy resistance from east bank of MEUSE RIVER, along the heights in a direction northeast of SIVRY to grid line 240-840. He continually stayed on duty day and night until relieved on October 14, 1918, without sleep or rest.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM M. WILSON, Co. A, 131st Infantry.
CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

At BOIS DE CHAUME, on October 13, 1918, Capt. Wilson volunteered and did deliver an important message to the 129th Infantry, under command of MAJOR HEMENWAY, under extremely heavy fire after the original bearer of the message had been wounded in the attempt. He later reorganized the line held by the 1st Battalion when his major was shell shocked and the second in command was wounded, and by his daring and coolness prevented a retreat, and only fell back when ordered, when the troops on his right failed to come up. With utter disregard to the heavy shelling and machine gun fire he moved among his troops day and night, encouraging them under the most trying circumstances until relieved.

1ST LIEUT. WALTER U. BEAUVAIS, Co. M, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At BOIS DE HARVILLE, November 10, 1918, while in command of the left assaulting wave met with very stiff opposition. He continually exposed himself, setting an example of bravery and encouraging his men to advance. Single-handed he forced the machine gun crew, which was holding up our advance, to surrender by placing himself in an exposed position in the line where he could command a view of the machine gun crew, and where he succeeded in killing the pointer by a well-directed shot, thus aiding the line to finally advance to its objective. Lieut. BEAUVAIS received a mortal wound shortly after.

1ST LIEUT. H. A. DICKSON, Co. F, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

At the Chipilly Ridge action, a few minutes after the zero hour, the advance of the left of the company was held up by a machine gun nest. 1st Lieut. Harrison A. Dickson, who was in command of the company at the time, got into a shell hole for about a minute. Seeing that the enemy's fire did not cease, he got up and started towards the nest, stating: "I'll get that one." He had just gotten out of the hole and started towards the nest when a machine gun bullet from the very nest hit him in the heart and he died instantly.

1ST LIEUT. ALBERT G. JEFFERSON, Co. C, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

For extraordinary heroism in action at HAMEL, FRANCE, July 4, 1918, after being severely wounded in the breast and shoulder from shell fire, he continued with and commanded his platoon until its final objective was reached and consolidation completed.

MILITARY CROSS (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

1ST LIEUT. HENRY N. PRIDE, Co. A, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At BOIS DE CHAUME, October 11, 1918, and October 12, after Lieut. MARCHANT had been killed, Lieut. Pride, who was in command of a separate detachment, took command of the left flank of company, consisting of forty men, and succeeded at a critical time in beating off two enemy counter attacks, killing and wounding seventy-five and capturing ten of the enemy, and by his great courage and coolness inspired his men to hold their extremely difficult position, even when the left flank was dangerously exposed by the precipitate withdrawal, without warning, of company on his left.

1ST LIEUT. JOSEPH E. SCHANTZ, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

In action east of Meuse River, near CONSENVOYE, October 13, 1918, Lieut. Shantz was seriously wounded in head by shrapnel; had volunteered to rectify the front line in order that it might escape destructive fire from our own barrage, which was ordered to fall on ground then occupied by our troops. Lieut. Shantz, under heavy shell fire and although severely wounded, brought the line back to its new position and contributed materially to the success of the action.

CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

(Same citation.)

1ST LIEUT. NORMAN A. SCHWALD, Medical Corps, 131st Infantry.
CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

At CONSENVOYE, October 8, 1918, Lieut. Schwald, although suffering from sickness, having fainted the night before and offered relief, which he refused, insisted in going with his battalion and did go with them, establishing a first aid station at CONSENVOYE, under very heavy shell fire, doing excellent work until relieved.

At DRILLEN COURT, September 26, 1918, when troops had been fighting all day, no ambulance being available, he volunteered and did take eight stretcher cases back to evacuation station at CUMIERES, over very badly shelled country and through swamps of FORGES CREEK, using prisoners for stretcher bearers. He reached CUMIERES at midnight, bringing both wounded and prisoners safely through, thereby saving the lives of six of these men.

1ST LIEUT. HERMAN H. WEIMER, Co. H, 131st Infantry.
CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

In an attack on BOIS DE CHAUME, October 9, 1918, although wounded in the shoulder and although a machine gun bullet had penetrated his helmet, he continued on leading his company, thereby creating confidence among the men at an extremely important moment. He continued in command until ordered to the rear by his battalion commander. After having his wound dressed he returned, continually to resume command of company and resume his duties, although ordered back because of his condition. His personal courage and bulldog tenacity in remaining in the lines and refusing to stay in the rear was an inspiration to all his men.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

(Same citation.)

2ND LIEUT. HENRY J. DICK, Co. H, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At CHIPILLY Ridge, August 9, 1918, Lieut. DICK did exhibit qualities of bravery, initiative and heroism that could not be surpassed.

During the advance all the officers of the company were wounded. Lieut. DICK, although wounded in the leg by a machine gun bullet, refused to go back for medical attention. The machine gun bullet that hit him knocked him down, but he immediately got to his feet and alone rushed the machine gun nest that was causing heavy casualties in the company and bayoneted one, shot two of the enemy and captured five. Shortly after this Lieut. DICK saw some of the enemy enter a dugout in order to escape our advance, and again went forward alone, entered the dugout and captured twelve of the enemy and three machine guns.

By his daring and extraordinary coolness he inspired his men and kept up the spirits. He worked for four days and nights unceasingly and without rest, and in the face of terrific fire from artillery and machine guns.

2ND LIEUT. HARDIN F. HORTON, Co. C, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

North of BOIS DE CHAUME, Lieut. Horton, although twice wounded, refused to leave his platoon, and continued to lead his command until he was killed. Lieut. HORTON repeatedly moved up and down an open space across which his platoon was extended and which was being constantly swept by enemy machine gun fire and snipers, encouraging his men and directing their fire. His gallantry had much to do with the routing of the enemy from his strong position, allowing his company to advance to its objective. This on October 10, 1918.

2ND LIEUT. JOHN C. LEE, Co. H, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On August 9, 1918, during the battle at Chipilly Ridge and Gressaire Woods, Lieut. Lee did display exceptional gallantry and initiative in action. During the advance his platoon was held up by a machine gun nest. Realizing the danger of delaying too long, he alone, on his own initiative attacked this nest, putting it out of action. In his rush to the gun he was mortally wounded, but kept on until he had successfully wiped out the nest, after which act he dropped dead.

2ND LIEUT. GEORGE W. SHERWOOD, Co. G, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY CROSS (BRITISH).

2nd Lieut. GEORGE W. SHERWOOD, Co. G, 131st Infantry, did at GRESSAIRE WOOD and CHIPILLY RIDGE, August 9, 1918, rush two different strong points of enemy machine guns, taking three guns and ten (10) prisoners. These machine guns were giving the platoons many casualties and had for the time checked the advance of same.

1st SGT. LAWRENCE S. RIDDLE, Co. I, 131st Infantry.
CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

At BOIS DE CHAUME, on October 11, 1918, 1st Sgt. RIDDLE, upon discovering an enemy machine gun nest from an observation post, obtained four followers from Company L, this regiment, and under his leadership the party outflanked the position, killing three of the enemy and bringing back one wounded prisoner, also the machine guns. He had shown conspicuous bravery in previous actions and was killed while leading a few of his men in an attack against an enemy machine gun nest at BOIS DE HARVILLE.

SGT. JOHN BREAKY, Co. H, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Sgt. BREAKY showed courage and fought well, always controlling his men under fire, and charging one machine gun nest after another. Although severely wounded by a piece of shrapnel, he carried on the fight until the objective was reached, where he fell exhausted through fatigue and loss of blood. Throughout the fight he cheered his men and drove the attack with such force that his platoon was the first to reach its objective.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

(Same citation.)

SGT. ROBERT R. COOK, Co. A, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At BOIS DE CHAUME, on the evening of October 11, 1918, Sgt. COOK crawled out in front of our own lines some hundred yards to locate enemy snipers. While in this perilous position Sgt. COOK fired upon and put out of action a group of enemy machine gunners. Having exposed his position he was himself spotted by another enemy sniper and was unable to return to our lines. Having in his possession a number of asphyxiating grenades, which emit a dense smoke, he calmly hurled one of them at the sniper's position, which was about fifty yards from him, and under cover of this improvised smoke screen walked back to our lines in safety. On morning of October 10 he led a patrol of five men through the wood in which we took up our final position and cleaned them of snipers. Sgt. Cook continually patrolled in front of the company lines, and by his disregard for personal safety inspired the other members of his company.

CROIX DE GUERRE (French).
(Same citation.)

SGT. A. ERHART, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

On the 4th of July, 1918, at HAMEL, FRANCE, near CORBIE, this N. C. O. showed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion his platoon was held up by an enemy machine gun. Sgt. Erhart at once got into touch with a tank and directed it against the enemy post. He followed up quickly with his men and mopped up behind the tank. Throughout the operation he showed great coolness and initiative and displayed great personal courage during the attack.

SGT. HERRICK GOODWILLIE, Co. B, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On October 10, at BOIS DE CHAUME, Sgt. Goodwillie did display exceptional heroism and gallantry in action in that when his company had been caught in enfilade fire from machine guns from their right flank in such a way that it could not advance or retire, and after several runners had been killed trying to get to the rear for assistance, and when it seemed to be death to even move, this sergeant volunteered to go back for assistance. He crawled through machine gun fire, such that the slightest move or noise brought a concentrated fire, reached the trench mortar battery of the 131st Infantry, guided them forward, operated one of the guns and with their aid knocked out the machine gun nests, saved the entire company from destruction, and although almost exhausted from his efforts led his platoon forward to its objective.

SGT. GEORGE B. GOURNLEY, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At CHIPILLY Ridge, August 10, 1918, after platoon commander had been wounded, took command of his platoon and during the advance he did with one of his men attack an enemy strong point, manned by approximately four Germans with a machine gun. Succeeded in killing the Germans and capturing the gun, which he carried with him and used effectively against the enemy. By his example he set an excellent example to his men.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).
(Same citation.)

SGT. BENJAMIN H. HARREL, Co. K, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On the east bank of the MEUSE RIVER, north of CONSENVOYE, October 10, 1918, Sgt. Harrel discovered an enemy machine gun and crew beyond the objective, and on his own initiative crawled out to and flanked the position, with the aid of two men, and under very heavy fire from artillery and machine guns, and captured the machine gun and one officer and thirty other ranks, killing two who tried to escape.

SGT. JAMES JACKSON, Co. K, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

East bank of Meuse, October 10, 1918, Sgt. Jackson did with a small party of his company, of his own volition, pass through the enemy's barrage and under machine gun fire from SIVRY did capture an enemy (Austrian) machine gun and its crew of seventeen men. Thereafter he showed extraordinary heroism under shell fire and machine gun fire in trying to locate, and did locate enemy machine gun positions about Sivry.

SGT. SWAN E. JOHNSON, Co. B, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At CHIPILLY Ridge, on August 9, 1918, Sgt. Johnson displayed exceptional qualities of initiative and heroism in action. His company was held up by a concentrated fire from enemy machine guns and artillery. In the face of this Sgt. Johnson with Sgt. Deal, on their own initiative, went forward in reconnaissance along a road that was enfiladed by enemy fire. In their reconnaissance they found a way forward protected from direct enemy fire, and although badly wounded he returned and led his company forward, thus enabling the entire battalion to advance.

SGT. WILLIAM JONES, Co. G, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

North of FORGES CREEK, west of BETHENCOURT, on the morning of September 26, 1918, when the platoon of which he was then a part was held up, Sgt. JONES, on his own initiative, advanced under concentrated enemy rifle fire to which he was exposed, and under heavy machine gun fire proceeded to a strong point on the flank, consisting of light machine guns, mopping it up and putting it out of action. This action permitted the platoon to advance.
CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

(Same citation.)

SGT. JAMES E. KRUM, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At HAMEL, France, July 4, 1918, though severely wounded in the right arm at the beginning of the engagement, he continued in the execution of his duties as squad leader, going forward with his platoon and exhibiting great gallantry, setting a fine example to his men. After his wound had been dressed he insisted upon returning to his platoon.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

SGT. GEORGE J. MAY, Co. G, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On the 9th of August, 1918, during the attack on GRESSAIRE WOOD and

CHIPILLY RIDGE, Sgt. May, personally on his own initiative, rushed a machine gun nest, capturing one gun and two prisoners. He accomplished this under heavy artillery and machine gun fire. He also showed great courage and devotion to duty by getting rations up to the men in the lines.

SGT. SIDNEY C. MCGUIRE, Co. B, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Sgt. Sidney C. McGuire, Co. B, wounded early in the engagement, continued to lead his platoon for two days. Set a fine example for his men in action. Sgt. McGuire showed exceptional courage and heroism at all times.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

SGT. VAN WALKER PETERSON, Co. B, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

During the action of the MEUSE, September 26, Sgt. Peterson displayed qualities of heroism and initiative in action. His platoon was held up by three field pieces, which, protected by machine guns, were firing at point blank, and Sgt. Peterson with two comrades rushed out, put the machine guns out of action, capturing the three field pieces and enabled the platoons to reach their objectives.

SGT. WALTER G. PEABODY, Co. D, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

During the attack at CHIPILLY RIDGE, August 9, 1918, displayed great leadership in handling his squad and volunteered for patrol work in the front of a new position on August 10 and 11. He held observation post in front of front line under heavy shell fire.

CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

(Same citation.)

CROIX DE GUERRE (BELGIAN).

(Same citation.)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

(Same citation.)

SGT. JOHN C. PERRIE, Hq. Co., 131st Infantry.
CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

Sgt. John C. Perrie, Hq. Co., 131st Infantry, did on east bank of MEUSE river, October 10, 1918, have charge of a section of trench mortars, supporting the 2nd Battalion, 131st Infantry, attached to 132nd Infantry, and when the 132nd fell back he found the officer in charge of trench mortars which were to support the 1st Battalion was not to be found, and he took his own section forward and knocked out four machine guns, which had been holding up the company for several hours.

SGT. WILLIAM PIEPHO, Co. F, 131st Infantry.
CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

At DRILLEN COURT, September 26, 1918, our progress was greatly held up by a sniper. Sgt. PIEPHO voluntarily worked his way out to the sniper and shot him with his revolver. In so doing he exposed himself to direct fire and set a wonderful example to his men.

SGT. JAMES B. POWERS, Co. L, 131st Infantry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Sgt. James B. Powers did on August 4, 1918, at Albert, France, volunteer to go alone into the town of Albert to drive off the enemy snipers which were preventing the reorganization of the line. He crawled from house to house under fire and succeeded in silencing the snipers.

SGT. LOUIS R. RIVERS, Co. B, 131st Infantry.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

August 9, 1918, at CHIPILLY ridge, his platoon had become detached from the company, and he reorganized what was left of the platoon and along with some stragglers from the French and also some lost Americans he led them to the objective, consolidated the location and resisted a counter attack.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

(Same citation.)

CROIX DE GUERRE (BELGIAN).

(Same citation.)

SGT. JAMES J. ROCKFORT, Co. B, 131st Infantry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At HILAIRE WOOD, November 9, 1918, Sgt. Rockford did display exceptional qualities of heroism and initiative during the advance. He alone and on his own initiative worked his way through a wood and attacked a machine gun nest, killing two of the crew and driving the remainder out of the wood.

SGT. WILLIAM B. SCHOLES, Co. C, 131st Infantry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

North of BOIS DE CHAUME, Sgt. SCHOLES assumed command of the company upon the death of the last commanding officer, and established a line of defense, and got reinforcements up in time to stem a counter attack. In so doing enabled the company to hold the position they had taken. He showed great courage and coolness in action.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

(Same citation.)

SGT. VIVIAN SKOGSBURG, Co. L, 131st Infantry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On morning of September 26, 1918, while crossing Forges River, Sgt. Skogsburg was badly burned by a phosphorus shell. He persisted in leading his platoon forward to its objective, mopping up the territory as they advanced. When the objective was reached he was ordered to the aid station, and walked the greatest part of the way, and was picked up unconscious by the stretcher bearers.

SGT. MATTHEW R. THORNEYCROFT, Co. D, 131st Infantry.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

On October 10 to 14th, 1918, near CONSENVOYE Woods, this sergeant brought his ration detail up to the front line daily and kept two companies fully rationed, although he had to lead his detail under continuous shell fire.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

(Same citation.)

CROIX DE GUERRE (BELGIAN).

(Same citation.)

SGT. THOMAS J. WALSH, Co. D, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On August 17, 1918, at Bray-Sur-Somme, did conduct a daylight raid on enemy trenches and objectives were gained, and he also captured enemy prisoners and machine guns, and although severely wounded he did carry a wounded comrade to safety from a heavily shelled zone, and returned to further direct the attack, refusing first aid until ordered to by his company commander.

SGT. JAMES J. WASHA, Co. F, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

In the attack on CHIPILLY RIDGE, August 9, 1918, this sergeant did single-handed capture two machine gun nests when his platoon had been held up by these guns. He advanced on his own initiative and killed the crew of the first post, and advanced to the second, taking them prisoners. This in the face of very heavy artillery and machine gun fire.

SGT. WILLIAM WOODSMALL, Co. A, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Near CONSENVOYE, October 10, 1918, Sgt. WOODSMALL left our lines for the purpose of putting out of action a German machine gun nest. He killed the crew and brought back the gun. His act was further commendable for the fact that he had been in the service only a short time.
CROIX DE GUERRE (French).
(Same citation.)

CORPORAL JAKE ALLEX, Co. H, 131st Infantry.
MEDAL OF HONOR (AMERICAN).

When his platoon leader was wounded took command of the platoon and led it well and cleverly. In the battle he performed highly commendable work by killing five of the enemy. After the battle he volunteered on several occasions and brought back three prisoners, making them carry in their machine gun.
DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)
MEDAL MILITAIRE (French).
(Same citation.)
CROIX DE GUERRE (French).
(Same citation.)

CORPORAL JOHN BEATE, Co. H, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

During the CHIPILLY RIDGE ACTION, on August 9-10, 1918, Cpl. Beate showed remarkable devotion to duty and bravery, cheering up the men and leading ration parties through enemy barrages. He volunteered and took a patrol of eight men and found out the exact enemy location, and on his own initiative he deployed his men and wiped out an enemy machine gun nest and captured forty prisoners.

CORPORAL CHARLES R. BOYATT, Co. L, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At BOIS DE HARVILLE, November 10, 1918, this corporal with one private on their own initiative captured a machine gun nest and prisoners, destroyed two guns, under very heavy machine gun fire, at a great risk to themselves.

CORPORAL NATHAN M. CURTIS, Co. L, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

East of the MEUSE RIVER and north of CONSENVOYE, on October 10, 1918, this corporal voluntarily left shelter and led a patrol of three men 200 yards across an open field through very heavy shell fire and captured an enemy machine gun, killing two and capturing one of the enemy. His coolness and bravery inspired his men to go forward, knowing the danger involved.

CORPORAL ROY T. DIXON, Co. B, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

This corporal did display exceptional qualities of heroism and bravery in action near the town of Consenvoye, France, October 14, 1918, after five runners had been killed or wounded attempting to establish liaison with the Second and Third Battalions on the left flank, he volunteered to take a patrol out and establish liaison. Finding that an enemy machine gun was holding the way, he boldly attacked same, drove it out of action and successfully accomplished his mission.

CORPORAL SOL. C. FAIRMAN, Co. H, 131st Infantry.
CROIX DE GUERRE (French).

Recovering from wounds and being discharged from the hospital on August 9 he, hearing that his company was about to make an advance, succeeded in rejoining it. Before the attack he was given the choice of remaining behind as company clerk, but he refused, and during the attack on BOIS DE CHAUME rendered valuable assistance to his company commander, and aided materially in reaching the objective.

CORPORAL JOHN L. FLYNN, Co. G, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At Bois de Chaume, near Consenvoye, October 9, 1918, the advance was held up by a heavy machine gun fire, and a sniper was picking off the men as they rose from prone position. Cpl. Flynn, on his own initiative, advanced by short rushes and got to a point where he could use bombs and bombed out the crew and snipers. This under a very heavy fire from machine gun and shell fire.

CROIX DE GUERRE (FRENCH).

(Same citation.)

CORPORAL PAUL HOBSCHIED, Co. C, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

In the battle of CHIPILLY RIDGE, August 9, 1918, with his knowledge of the German language together with his courage, cleaned out dugouts generally. While German snipers were firing all about him, he advanced onto a sniping post and found same to be a dugout for thirty of the enemy, which he captured and lined up out in the field and marched them to the rear.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

MEDAL MILITAIRE (FRENCH).

(Same citation.)

CROIX DE GUERRE (FRENCH).

(Same citation.)

CORPORAL ROBERT P. HOWARD, Co. B, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

In the action of CHIPILLY RIDGE, August 9, 1918, Cpl. HOWARD displayed

exceptional qualities of heroism while in great danger. Although severely wounded in the shoulder by a machine gun bullet and a piece of shrapnel in his lungs, he refused to go back, stating that he knew most of the N. C. O.'s in the company had been killed or wounded and that he was needed.

CORPORAL FRANK P. KOERPER, Hq. Co., 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Near the village of GERCOURT, September 26, 1918, Cpl. KOERPER displayed heroism and presence of mind during the advance of the 3rd Battalion, 131st Infantry. 1st Lieut. SHANTZ, battalion adjutant, and runners while moving through this town were held up and fired upon by enemy machine gun and snipers from the church. This corporal crept up to the church under heavy fire and unaided captured four Germans, who were operating machine guns, and allowed the party to move forward.

CORPORAL WALTER N. LARSON, Co. G, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

At CHIPILLY RIDGE and GRESSAIRE WOOD, August 10, 1918, while we were establishing line and Germans were in front of us in considerable numbers, Cpl. LARSON did take out covering parties with machine guns and did valuable work in covering our front.

CORPORAL NATHAN M. LIEBERMAN, Co. C, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Corporal LIEBERMAN did on August 9-10, 1918, while acting in the capacity of sergeant, with untiring effort, render invaluable services to the cause. While leading the platoon he showed great bravery and courage by rushing a machine gun nest, which fire was checking the advance. He put this gun out of action.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

CORPORAL STEPHAN M. MANCE, Co. B, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Corporal MANCE captured machine gun and machine gun post single-handed. Fought severely with four Germans, capturing two, wounded one three times and one escaped.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

CORPORAL JOHN MILES, Co. F, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At WADONVILLE, November, 1918, although suffering from shell concussion, this corporal volunteered to go 400 yards in advance of the outpost line and draw fire of an enemy machine gun to get the location that fire might be directed upon same. Immediately after this he had to be taken to the aid station.

CORPORAL FRANK L. MILLS, Co. B, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

On August 9, 1918, at CHIPILLY RIDGE, while the company was temporarily held up, he with utter disregard of his own life, assisted in removing several of the wounded men into places of safety and shelter.

CORPORAL JOHN J. O'KEEFE, Co. M, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On October 10, 1918, east of SIVRY-sur-MEUSE, his platoon was forced to leave its position and take up a new one on the reverse slope of the hill. He volunteered with two others to establish an outpost in the area they were forced to evacuate, and they advanced through the shell-swept area and took position in a shell hole, which they remained in until the entire company were able to move forward and take up position.

CROIX DE GUERRE (FRENCH).

(Same citation.)

CORPORAL GUS W. PALUBACK, Co. H, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

North of Forges River, September 26, 1918, Cpl. Paluback, on his own initiative in the face of heavy machine gun fire, located and disposed of a nest of German machine guns single-handed. His bravery and heroic action allowed the entire company to move forward to its objective.

CORPORAL THOMAS A. POPE, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
MEDAL OF HONOR (AMERICAN).

At Hamel, on July 4, 1918, displayed unusual bravery by rushing an enemy machine gun single-handed, bayoneting several of the enemy and standing astride the gun kept the remainder of them away until the arrival of reinforcements, which killed or captured the remainder of the detachment.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

MEDAL MILITAIRE (French).

(Same citation.)

CROIX DE GUERRE (FRENCH).

(Same citation.)

CORPORAL RAYMOND H. POWELL, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

At HAMEL on July 4, 1918, during a counter attack, the enemy had gained possession of one of our advanced posts, which had to be recaptured before an assault could be made on the position he was holding in the rear of the post. Cpl. Powell volunteered for this duty and led his section to the attack through violent shell fire, bombing the enemy out of the post and enabling the line to advance.

CROIX DE GUERRE (BELGIAN).

(Same citation.)

CORPORAL ANDREW C. SHABINGER, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At HAMEL on July 4, 1918, being severely wounded in the arm at the beginning of the engagement, he remained in charge of his squad throughout, performing his duties and controlling his men until the town was mopped up, when he asked to be sent to a dressing station. He showed great gallantry, setting a fine example to the remainder of his men.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

CORPORAL CARL SOMMITZ, Co. F, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On evening of August 9, 1918, in the attack on Chipilly made his way alone across a shell-swept meadow to the other platoon in order to establish liaison, and in returning he was twice wounded. His actions set an example to all about him.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

CORPORAL FRED H. SWAHEY, Co. L, 131st Infantry.
CROIX DE GUERRE (FRENCH).

East of the MEUSE and north of CONSENVOYE, October 10 he voluntarily left shelter and went 200 yards across an open field through heavy shell fire and helped capture a machine gun which was in front of the position taken by the company and was causing a great deal of trouble.

CORPORAL JAMES L. WATERS, Co. C, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

In the battle of GRESSAIRE Wood August 9, 1918, Cpl. Waters captured an enemy machine gun alone. It was situated about 100 yards to north of our lines and had been raking our position at intervals, causing heavy casualties. He showed utter disregard to personal danger and alone advanced, killing two men that manned the gun.

CORPORAL LESTER C. WHITSON, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At HAMEL July 4, 1918, although severely wounded in the shoulder and suffering from loss of blood, he continued to lead his squad to the final position and exhibited great gallantry, setting a fine example to the balance of his men.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

CORPORAL ALVIN C. WIBERG, Co. C, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

In the battle of GRESSAIRE Wood, August 9-10, Cpl. WIBERG, while on outpost duty with his squad of automatic riflemen, was spied by the enemy and they made a direct hit on his position, killing one man and wounding the remainder. Wieburg himself removed the men to a position of safety, then taking a new automatic rifle returned to the post to duty. He held the post alone for fourteen hours until relief came.

CORPORAL HENRY ZYBURT, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

On July 4, 1918, during the attack on HAMEL, near CORBIE, part of our line was held up by an enemy machine gun. With the assistance of an Australian N. C. O., ZYBURT rushed the post, killed the gun crew and captured the gun. His prompt action and daring at a critical time saved the situation and enabled the advance to be carried on.

MECHANIC ANTON J. WATKIN, Co. A, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

On August 9, 1918, at CHIPILLY and GRESSAIRE WOOD, at a critical time when they were out of ammunition, this mechanic volunteered to take an ammunition party to an unknown position in the rear. In spite of the fact that this

ground was continually shelled they went on through, secured the ammunition and returned just at the time when the enemy were about to launch a counter attack. This new supply of ammunition enabled them to ward off this counter attack.

DECORATION MILITAIRE (BELGIAN).

(Same citation.)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE WILLIAM A. ANDERSON, Co. B, 131st Infantry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

This private carried wounded to first aid station for forty-eight hours until he was completely exhausted and had to be taken to an aid station for treatment. He carried wounded through heavy shell fire and machine gun fire.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE CHARLES C. BARK, Co. C, 131st Infantry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Pvt. Charles C. Bark did in the battle of Gressaire Wood, on August 9 and 10, so distinguish himself to deserve special mention. He being detailed as a scout, went in advance of his platoon and rendered invaluable service during the advance. With great exposure to machine gun fire on his part he carefully pointed out the enemy's machine gun positions, making it possible for his platoon commander to properly direct the fire of the platoon and advance without casualties.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

CROIX DE GUERRE (BELGIAN).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE WILLIAM T. BLACKWELL, Co. D, 131st Infantry.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

Citation not available. On file at 4th Army Hq., B. E. F.

PRIVATE FRANK BREMNER, Co. G, 131st Infantry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

In the attack on GRESSAIRE WOOD and CHIPILLY Ridge, August 9, 1918, Pvt. BREMNER, single-handed, worked around behind a machine gun nest, taking the gunners prisoners and capturing the guns. This gun was delaying the advance of the company, and by this act the advance was allowed to continue. This in the face of heavy artillery fire and machine gun fire.

PRIVATE SWEN CARLSON, Co. M, 131st Infantry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On September 26, 1918, during the MEUSE-ARGONNE offensive, this private left the line, being held up from fire from three enemy machine guns. He with one sergeant and two privates crawled across the open field and flanked the guns, killing seven and capturing twenty-three prisoners.

PRIVATE WILLIAM CURE, Co. A, 131st Infantry.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

On August 9, 1918, at CHIPILLY, this private was sent to the rear to artillery and unknown position to secure much needed ammunition, and to lead the party

back, under heavy shell fire, which killed two of his men. He brought the ammunition up at a critical time when the company was about to fall back for lack of it. He showed great coolness and courage in this action.

PRIVATE SAMUEL T. DuBONIS, Co. A, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

CROIX DE GUERRE (BELGIAN).

(Same citation.)

On August 9, 1918, this private showed great courage and bravery in action as a stretcher bearer. He showed utter disregard for personal safety. He saved the lives of many men by dressing their wounds and carrying them back to the aid station.

PRIVATE CHRISTOPHER C. DUNNE, Co. D, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

During the attack of August 9, 1918, he was one of the first men of his squad to reach the enemy machine gun post and put same out of action. He continued on, though seriously wounded, until his companions had dug themselves in and the line established.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE DANIEL S. FLAGG, Co. M, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On September 26, 1918, during the MEUSE-ARGONNE offensive, he with three others left the line and crawled out across an open field about 200 yards, which was subject to very severe fire, and flanked three machine gun posts and killed seven and captured twenty-three. This in the face of artillery and machine gun fire.

PRIVATE GEORGE F. GASTON, Co. H, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

During the attack of October 9, 1918, Pvt. Gaston received a severe wound in the hand by shrapnel, but continued to advance on a machine gun emplacement and opened fire upon the gunner, while men advanced from the flank and captured the position. He refused to go to the rear after the objective was gained until ordered to do so by his platoon commander.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE HARRY E. HAMPLE, Co. C, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Pvt. Hample showed great devotion to duty and courage by carrying messages through heavy shell fire and machine gun fire for seven days during the GRESSAIRE WOOD and CHIPILLY RIDGE action.

PRIVATE LEON M. HANNA, Co. D, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At CONSENVOYE Wood, October 10, 1918, his platoon suffered severe casualties and was being held up by terrific fire from a hidden machine gun post. Pvt. Hanna noting the difficulty advanced alone and by the use of his bayonet subdued the gunners, capturing two of them and enabling the platoon to advance.

PRIVATE HARRY S. HEACOX, Co. I, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At BOIS DE HARVILLE, near Metz, November 10, 1918, acting as company runner, with Lieut. Wilson (deceased) carried messages through heavy shell fire. They charged an enemy machine gun post and the lieutenant was killed. He then took charge of the company and carried them to their objective. Although wounded by a piece of shrapnel he stayed with them, ordered the digging in, then went to find the line commander.

PRIVATE JAMES W. HILTON, Supply Co., 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

Citation not available. On file at 4th Army Hq., B. E. F. Recommended by British officer.

PRIVATE EDWARD HERTER, Co. M, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

November 10 Pvt. Herter did, under excessive machine gun fire, leave cover and rescue a comrade who had been severely wounded. He himself was severely wounded doing this, but despite his wounds carried his comrade to a place of safety.

PRIVATE ALBERT HOLMES, Co. H, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Private Holmes showed great courage and devotion to duty in performing the duty of establishing liaison between battalion headquarters and company. This he did after six men had tried and had either been killed or wounded in the attempt. On his return trip he brought up ammunition to the company. His action set an example to all the men in his company.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

MEDAILLE MILITAIRE (FRENCH).

(Same citation.)

CROIX DE GUERRE (FRENCH).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE PERCY JONES, Co. B, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On October 10, 1918, near CONSENVOYE, after two stretcher bearers had been killed and one severely wounded in attempting to rescue Lieut. BROCHE, who had been severely wounded, Pvt. JONES, with utter disregard of personal safety, volunteered and carried him in from this perilous position. He was killed a little later, but not until he had set an example to those about him of bravery and devotion to duty.

PRIVATE CHRISTOPHER W. KEANE, Med. Det., 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At HAMEL, July 4, 1918, Pvt. Keane displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty in an area swept by machine gun and artillery fire. Two stretcher bearers

working with him were killed and he impressed German prisoners to carry wounded to a place of safety.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE EASTER KEEPER, Co. L, 131st Infantry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At BOIS DE HARVILLE November 10, 1918, on a call for volunteers for cutting lanes through wide belts of wire several feet in front of our lines, which hampered the advance of our troops in the attacking waves, Pvt. KEEPER did go out alone at a great risk to carry out this duty and thus enabling the lines to advance.

PRIVATE FRANK J. KOSTAK, Co. G, 131st Infantry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Private KOSTAK in the battle of GRESSAIRE Wood and CHIPILLY RIDGE did single-handed flank a machine gun nest, captured seventeen prisoners and two guns, which had been holding up our advance, and in so doing allowed the platoon to go forward.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

MEDAILLE MILITAIRE (FRENCH).

(Same citation.)

CROIX DE GUERRE (FRENCH).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE ARTHUR KRUEGER, Co. B, 131st Infantry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Near CONSENVOYE October 9, 1918, while the platoon of which he was a member was held up, Pvt. Krueger crawled from the shell hole in which he was seeking cover and went out to aid a wounded comrade. Before reaching this man he received a wound by machine gun bullet, but continued on until the wounded man was carried to safe place and his wound dressed before he would allow his wound to be dressed.

CROIX DE GUERRE (FRENCH).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE DAVID T. LEAHEY, Co. A, 131st Infantry.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

Was sent to the rear to bring up rations and water through heavily shelled and gas filled forest alone. He endured the trip despite the fact that men on similar errands were killed on all sides of him (Gressaire Wood).

PRIVATE EDWARD LIDWELL, Co. H, 131st Infantry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At BOIS DE CHAUME October 9, 1918, he single-handed put out of action, under heavy fire, a machine gun, killing its crew, and through his act saved many lives.

PRIVATE RAGNAR LILJEBERG, Co. D, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

As a runner at CHIPILLY Ridge engagement carried messages steadily during the 9th, 10th and 11th of August, 1918, doing the work of six runners. He was on duty forty-eight hours at a time, most of which was under heavy shell fire.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE ROBERT W. LINDSAY, Co. B, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

In the action just east of the MEUSE, near CONSENVOYE, October 9, 1918, his platoon was held up by an enemy pill box. In attempt to notify the company commander two runners were wounded. Private volunteered to carry out this duty and was himself wounded in the act.

PRIVATE WILLIAM C. LINSKY, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At HAMEL July 4, 1918, he was severely wounded in the right arm by shrapnel at the beginning of the engagement. He continued to carry his Lewis gun and used it with good effect in the assault on the village of HAMEL, thereby exhibiting great gallantry and devotion to duty.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE JOHN C. MALLAN, Co. H, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

During the attack on CHIPILLY Ridge August 9, 1918, Pvt. John C. Mallan worked out far ahead of the line and personally killed four Germans and captured three, one of which was an officer. The same night he volunteered to go out on a party to capture prisoners. Through his work and bravery this was accomplished and the party returned with fourteen prisoners and was a complete success, although it was carried out under heavy artillery and machine gun fire.

PRIVATE LEON McBREEN, Co. M, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

September 26, 1918, during the Meuse-Argonne offensive he, with three other comrades, on their own initiative crawled across an open field and captured three machine gun posts, killing seven and capturing twenty-three prisoners.

PRIVATE CHARLES W. MICHAELLIS, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At CHIPILLY RIDGE August 10, 1918, this private, with his platoon sergeant, attacked a machine gun post, killing four Germans and capturing the gun, which they carried back to their line and used against the enemy, thereby setting an example of gallantry to their comrades.

MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE ADOLPH NELSON, Co. H, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On August 9, 1918, at CHIPILLY Ridge, Pvt. NELSON, although wounded, did on his own initiative go out armed with an automatic rifle and mopped out a machine gun nest in which were three guns, killing four of the enemy and bringing back the rest as prisoners. This under heavy fire. He was so weak from loss of blood that his comrades thought he would not reach the post.

PRIVATE WILLIAM PETERS, Co. I, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At BOIS de CHAUME, during the advance of October 9, 1918, Pvt. Peters detected an enemy machine gun delaying the progress of our left flank. On his own initiative he outflanked the position, shot and killed the operator of the gun, bringing the others in prisoners, thereby allowing the left to advance.
CROIX DE GUERRE (FRENCH).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE WILLARD D. PETTY, Co. B, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

East of the MEUSE and north of CONSENVOYE, October 10, 1918, this private on his own initiative jumped to the rescue of his wounded comrade and platoon leader, who lay fallen in a zone of murderous fire. This after two comrades had been killed and one wounded attempting the same thing.

PRIVATE RAY REDDING, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

At CHIPILLY Ridge he was attached to company headquarters as a runner, and was sent to battalion headquarters by his commanding officer and was wounded on the way. He returned with the desired information through violent shell fire. He set a good example to his comrades by his bravery.

PRIVATE HORACE SMOTHERMAN, Co. F, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On September 26, 1918, when his company was advancing up the valley, between DRILLEN COURT and GEAR COURT, they were mopped up for a while from the fire of an enemy sniper. This private went forward alone and destroyed this troublesome post by killing the snipers by a hand grenade. This on his own initiative and in the face of enemy artillery and machine gun fire.

PRIVATE HARRY STOKES, Co. C, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

In the battle of GRESSAIRE Wood, August 9, 1918, this private, acting as a company scout, boldly attacked and captured three German officers. Stokes killed one on account of resistance, sent the others to the rear and continued on his duties.

PRIVATE J. SWEREDO, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

On the 4th of July, 1918, during the attack on HAMEL, near CORBIE, an

enemy machine gun post held up the advance on the right flank. Pvt. SWEREDO rushed the gun single-handed. Two of the Bosche came out to meet him and he killed both of them, also a third on the gun with his bayonet. His prompt action and conspicuous gallantry saved a critical situation and his courage was a fine inspiration to the rest of his platoon.

PRIVATE ARCHIE F. TIMBERLIN, Co. F, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

In the attack on BUTGNEVILLE, on November 11, 1918, after meeting with stubborn resistance, which caused us to withdraw, this private advanced toward the enemy lines and brought back some seriously wounded. This under heavy machine gun and artillery fire.

PRIVATE GORDON WICKHAM, Hq. Co., 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

August 11, 1918, while passing through GRESSAIRE Wood, it was suddenly shelled with gas H. E. This private was attached to a carrying party and a shell hit in the midst of them, killing one and wounding three, and gave each wounded man first aid and assisted in getting them back to the first aid station.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE WILL J. WILLIAMS, Co. E, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

At CHIPILLY Ridge August 9, 1918, this private, acting as company runner early in the day was painfully wounded, but did not mention it to his commanding officer. He carried messages through withering fire to advanced posts ahead of the main line. After the attack he informed his commanding officer that he had been wounded and was immediately evacuated to hospital.

PRIVATE DICKSON WOODWARD, Co. A, 131st Infantry.
MILITARY MEDAL (BRITISH).

Showed great skill and courage in securing liaison in the midst of the battle of MALARD Wood, also after the objective was reached. His fine example to the men about him inspired them and kept up their spirits.
CROIX DE GUERRE (BELGIAN).

(Same citation.)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

(Same citation.)

PRIVATE STEVE ZAPPA, Co. C, 131st Infantry.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

On October 10, 1918, he showed great courage and devotion to duty and willingly carried messages between battalion headquarters and company headquarters through heavy shell fire and machine gun fire. He was the only runner that went through the entire operation with the company.

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LT.-COL. J. H. STANSFIELD, 132nd Infantry. At Bois de Chaume, near Con-senvoye, Oct. 9, 1918, with the advancing troops, without sleep or rest, continuously exposed to intense fire, kept the troops, composed of units from three regiments, together, and held a line until reinforcements came. This line said to be untenable. He volunteered and did stay with the relieving troops, giving them valuable service.

MAJ. EDWARD BITTEL, 130th Infantry. At Boise Plat Chene, October 10, with great personal courage and effort, organized a strong point in the dense wood. He laid the plan of these strong points under heavy machine gun and artillery fire. His untiring efforts, without sleep or rest from October 9 to 14, along with his great personal bravery, gained for him the confidence of all troops.

MAJ. FRANCIS M. ALLEN, 131st Infantry. East of the Meuse river, Oct. 10, 1918, after his battalion had successfully reached their objective, north of Bois de Chaume, and to the east of Sivry Sur Meuse, he assumed command of all forward troops, consisting of three separate organizations, after they had become scattered and demoralized. By his coolness under heavy enemy shell fire, and by buoyant personality he reorganized and maintained the positions the troops had gained against most stubborn enemy resistance from east bank of Meuse river along the heights in a direction northeast of Sivry to grid line 240-840. He continually remained on duty day and night until relieved on Oct. 14, 1918, without sleep or rest.

CAPT. CARROLL M. GALE, Company C, 131st Infantry. North of Bois de Chaume Capt. Gale, though painfully wounded, continued to lead his company, and after objective was reached directed front line operations until line was reorganized. He was continually under heavy fire, and his bravery was an inspiration to the men.

CAPT. WALTER H. MAGNER, commanding 2nd Battalion, 131st Infantry. November 10, when no field officers were available, was placed in charge of the assaulting troops. By his personal coolness in efforts to collect the dispersed companies together he succeeded, and led the battalion forward for over half a kilometer of open ground in the face of machine gun fire and heavy artillery fire to the edge of Bois de Harville; then fought their way up to the line of enemy trenches, on the right and left, and advanced a great distance without any support on either side. His fearless bravery inspired the men of his command.

CAPT. GEORGE N. MALSTROM, 131st Infantry. At the east end of Con-senvoye, Oct. 11-12, 1918, when troops from the units of three infantry regiments had become badly scattered and disorganized from the very heavy artillery fire, he reorganized the line, though nearly exhausted from loss of rest and sleep. By his coolness and bravery he inspired the men and officers, and his act, which was above the call of duty, was done without regard of personal safety.

CAPT. WILLIAM R. MANGUM, 131st Infantry Medical Corps. West of the Meuse from September 26 to Oct. 9, 1918, with utter disregard to personal safety, performed his duties night and day in operating aid posts and coffee stations with a trained and efficient staff, and was instrumental in maintaining cheerfulness and confidence among the men that were suffering from repeated gas attacks. During

this action he daily visited all forward aid posts and shelters under heavy fire, keeping up his work until the regiment was relieved.

CAPT. LOUIS E. PRESTON (deceased), Company B, 131st Infantry. In action of the Meuse, Sept. 26, 1918, badly sprained his ankle before the attack, but refused to be evacuated and led his company through the entire action, being carried through on his nerve, hobbling along with the aid of a cane.

CAPT. JOHN M. RICHMOND, commanding 1st Battalion, 131st Infantry. Aug. 9, 1918, north bank of Somme, near Chipilly, when supporting troops had been thrown back in confusion by fire from machine gun fire and artillery, and his command had been held up by same, did display exceptional heroism in walking along the line instructing the men in digging in and taking positions. Throughout this entire engagement he was suffering severe pain from having been ruptured early in the attack.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM WILSON, Company A, 131st Infantry. On October 13 volunteered and did carry a message to the 129th Infantry under extremely heavy fire after the original bearer of the message had been wounded in the attempt. This act was an inspiration to all men and inspired great confidence in all. His attitude during the engagement had a marked effect throughout the battalion.

1ST LIEUT. ELDEN L. BELT, Company A, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume night of October 10-11, having been placed in command of Company C after all the officers had been killed or wounded, rearranged their line under heavy shell fire. Although badly gassed and suffering from shell shock he refused to be evacuated to the rear, and by his courage inspired his men to hold their difficult position until relieved.

1ST LIEUT. WALTER C. BISSON, Medical Corps, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume Oct. 11, 1918, established an advance post and maintained same for four days, which post had been abandoned by other medical units as untenable, leaving the troops in the forward area without medical attention. The dressing of wounded was done in the open under heavy shell fire, but Lieut. Bisson carried on this work until the battalion was relieved.

1ST LIEUT. FRANK DEVANEY, Company B, 131st Infantry. Action of Chipilly Lieut. Devaney was determined to turn in to Regimental Headquarters a correct report of the casualties. He, without regard to personal safety, went from one wounded man to the other in order to get the correct list and was killed in carrying out this work.

1ST LIEUT. RAYMOND E. FIEDLER, Company K, 131st Infantry. Near Consenvoye, night of Sept. 28-29, 1918, Lieut. Fiedler successfully led his patrol over a narrow dam across the Meuse river from the west bank to secure information about the enemy. He was attacked by an enemy patrol, but killed or wounded all but two, including the officer, and brought back his own party and one Prussian prisoner, securing information which materially helped capture the enemy position on the east bank of the Meuse river some days later.

1ST LIEUT. HYMAN FREIBERG (deceased), 131st Infantry. At Chipilly August 9 exhibited qualities of heroism. In the advance he was wounded in the foot by a machine gun bullet, but kept on until he fell from loss of blood, and while his orderly was bandaging his foot a shell burst close by, a piece of which struck him, killing him instantly.

1ST LIEUT. (promoted to Captain) HARRY E. HACKETT, Company G, 131st Infantry. On Aug. 9, 1918, at the battle known as the Chipilly Ridge-Gressaire Wood action was hit in the head by a machine gun bullet. He was hit about an hour after the attack was started while leading his platoon. He was taken to a British first aid station at Saille-sur-Sec as soon as he was hit, and he died at this first aid station.

LIEUT. JAMES P. KING, 122d Machine Gun Battalion. East of the Meuse and north of Consenvoye, while the machine gun platoon which he was commanding was attached to Company C, 131st Infantry, displayed bravery and initiative. He was instrumental in maintaining a series of outposts in conjunction with automatic rifles, and while the enemy was forming for counter attack he walked calmly up and down the line, reassuring the men. They repulsed numerous counter attacks, holding the position won at great cost.

2ND LIEUT. RAYMOND P. LEWIS, Company L, 131st Infantry. In command of his platoon of twenty-five men acting as an ammunition carrying party to the 1st Battalion, who were very short of ammunition, going through very heavy artillery fire. Lieut. Lewis placed his men in a covered trench and he with Private Kircinski, who volunteered to go with him, pushed through the shell fire, reaching the headquarters of the 1st Battalion. He was ordered to deliver ammunition to Company C, and succeeded in delivering same to that company. In doing this he and his men had to cover 200 yards of open country under constant observation and heavy shell and machine gun fire, and fire from an aeroplane overhead. This in the afternoon of Aug. 10, 1918, on the east of Gressaire Wood.

1ST LIEUT. JOHN R. MARCHANT (deceased), 131st Infantry. At Consenvoye Wood Oct. 10-11, 1918, by his individual coolness and bravery did so inspire the company which he was commanding that they succeeded in reaching their objective and holding it against several counter attacks. After they had gained their objective Lieut. Marchant was killed by a shell, which exploded in the shell hole he was lying in from a previous wound.

1ST LIEUT. NORMAN A. SCHWALD, Medical Corps, 131st Infantry. At Consenvoye Oct. 8, 1918, although sick, insisted in going forward with his battalion, and did go with them, establishing aid station at Consenvoye under heavy shell fire, doing excellent work until relieved.

CHAPLAIN THOMAS R. EDGERTON, 131st Infantry. During the Chipilly Ridge action, from August 9 to 10, displayed exceptional qualities of heroism and bravery under fire. In these days he searched the battlefield for dead. In order to do this he had to go from one shell hole to another, and the entire area was always subjected to severe artillery fire. He succeeded in getting our dead and many of the British back to the cemetery in rear of our position.

2ND LIEUT. RICHARD BUVENS, Jr., 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10-11, with a platoon which he commanded, rushed a machine gun post, which had been holding up the line, killing and capturing all of the crew. He showed unusual bravery and initiative all during the advance and was an inspiration to his men.

2ND LIEUT. HENRY J. DICK, Company H, 131st Infantry. On Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France, during the advance all the officers of the company were wounded, and Lieut. Dick, although wounded himself by a machine gun bullet

in the leg, refused to go back for medical attention. The bullet had knocked him down, but he immediately jumped to his feet and alone rushed a machine gun nest, which had been causing many casualties, bayoneted one, shot two and captured five of the enemy. Shortly after this Lieut. Dick, upon seeing some of the enemy enter dugout in order to escape our advance, again went forward alone, entered the dugout and captured twelve prisoners and three machine guns. His extraordinary coolness and bravery was an inspiration to his men. He worked for four days and nights without rest or sleep and in the face of terrific fire from artillery and machine gun.

2ND LIEUT. JULIAN L. DOUGLAS, Company G, 131st Infantry. In an attack on Bois de Chaume on Oct. 9, 1918, Lieut. Douglas, although wounded in the knee, volunteered with two men and did clean up a strong point of three machine gun nests and one sniper that was holding up our line. At this point our men were under an extremely heavy fire from this strong point. He exhibited extraordinary ability, heroism and courage in successfully wiping out this strong point, allowing the line to advance.

2ND LIEUT. PAUL F. HUNEWELL, Company H, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume, Oct. 9, 1918, he fearlessly exposed himself time and again to heavy machine gun fire. Acting with remarkable courage after company commander was wounded he assumed command and led the company through the rest of the action, constantly setting an example of extraordinary gallantry.

2ND LIEUT. WILLIAM A. JOSS, Company G, 131st Infantry. On Aug. 9, 1918, at the battle known as the Chipilly Ridge-Gressaire Wood action, Lieut. William A. Joss was killed by a machine gun bullet. We started the attack at 5:38 o'clock p. m., and about one-half hour later Lieut. Joss was hit. He was leading the platoon of which he was in command. He told the men in his company to close over to the right to fill up a gap that existed between his platoon and the platoon on his right, and as he did so he turned his face to the left, and it was then that the bullet entered his right temple, killing him instantly.

2ND LIEUT. HALTON L. NICHOLS, Company H, 131st Infantry. North of Forges creek Sept. 26, 1918, led his men throughout action with skill and daring and assisted in controlling men of various units who attached themselves to our company, and by his daring set a splendid example to those under him.

2ND LIEUT. SAMUEL SILVERMAN, Company K. On the morning of August 11, after completion of relief of the trenches, a British soldier was struck by a shell. Lieut. Silverman went to his relief and assisted in dressing the wounds. While doing this work a shell struck and burst within a few feet of the party, destroying the Lewis gun belonging to the British soldier. In spite of this continuous shelling the wounds were dressed and the man sent to the rear.

2ND LIEUT. GEORGE W. SHERWOOD, Company G, 131st Infantry. Did at Chipilly Ridge and Gressaire Wood, Aug. 9, 1918, rush two different strong machine gun positions, taking three machine guns and ten prisoners. The machine guns were giving the platoon many casualties and had for the time checked its progress.

2ND LIEUT. FRANK C. TILLSON, Company H, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume, Oct. 8, 1918, conducted a patrol to the German lines. With great skill and courage he led his men through the action, displaying great coolness and bravery.

On October 10-11 he volunteered and led two patrols and cleared the wood of snipers and machine guns.

2ND LIEUT. FRANCIS W. WHITNEY (deceased), 131st Infantry. Did display exceptional qualities of heroism in action on east bank of Meuse. The troops in front line were in need of ammunition and several attempts to get same into the lines had failed. Lieut. Whitney volunteered to take the detail and carry ammunition to the lines. He proceeded with the party under heavy shell and machine gun fire with utter disregard for personal safety, and on nearing the destination he was severely wounded, but his men were so well organized that they accomplished the mission.

REGT. SUP. SERGT. OSCAR LEISER, Supply Company. Sergt. Leiser, acting as supply officer of the 1st Battalion on the night of August 9, personally conducted the battalion limbers through the town of Chipilly and along Chipilly spur, directly to company positions in front line. From Chipilly forward all roads were filled with shell holes and were subjected to intermittent shell fire of gas and high explosives of large caliber. Owing to the extreme difficulties of transport, day was breaking when rations arrived. As the battalion moved forward that morning, August 10, at daylight, it was impossible to feed the men. Sergt. Leiser knowing that the men had not eaten since supper August 8 followed in rear of the advancing troops along a road defiladed from artillery fire, but exposed to machine gun fire from Gressaire wood, until that wood was mopped up. When the front line of the battalion advance reached the Bray-Corbie road the transport was unloaded and a dump formed. Sergt. Leiser's coolness and courage was the more noteworthy, as this was his first time under fire, he having been at school during this battalion's occupation of the Albert trenches.

SERGT.-MAJ. AXEL T. ERICKSON, 3rd Battalion. During the Bois de Chaume engagement, Oct. 10, 1918, Sergt. Erickson did display exceptional qualities of faithfulness, initiative and devotion to duty in his work. He labored under the most trying conditions practically without rest or food for the four days, devoting his entire energies in assisting to clear the situation, which on the 10th was a critical one. This work was done while under little protection from the enemy's intense artillery fire.

SERGT.-MAJ. ARTHUR E. OWEN, 2nd Battalion. During the Bois de Chaume engagement, from Oct. 10 to 13, 1918, Sergt.-Maj. Owen did exhibit exceptional qualities of faithfulness and devotion to duty in his work. He took practically no food or rest for the four days, devoting his entire energies to clearing up the situation, which on the 10th was a critical one. This work was done while under little protection from the intense artillery fire of the enemy.

1ST SERGT. GARRETT MOOK, Company F, 131st Infantry. At Chipilly, Aug. 9, 1918, when all the officers had been killed or wounded, he did take command of the company and led it to its objective. He, regardless of the fact that he was badly gassed, refused to go to the first aid station and remained throughout the entire action. He killed the crew and captured the enemy machine gun, which were holding up the advance in one position, and his leadership and courage at all times was an inspiration to his men.

1ST SERGT. FRED O. PRESCOT, Company B, 131st Infantry. November 10 at St. Hilaire Wood, after sending several runners to the far edge of the woods

to find a detached outpost, they failing to return, he decided to go himself. While on the way he encountered a machine gun outpost, and with utter disregard to personal safety attacked this post, routing the crew. Proceeding on his way found the outpost and on the way back brought in the captured gun.

1ST SERGT. LEIGH TAYLOR, Company A, 131st Infantry. During the Meuse defensive, at great personal risk, located enemy machine gun and artillery position. In securing the information he had to advance a great distance across the valley at risk of his own life, as he was subject to very heavy artillery and machine gun fire.

MESS SERGT. HOWARD T. LINDSAY, Company B, 131st Infantry. On the Meuse, Sept. 28, 1918, when ration parties had been repeatedly shelled, it seemed impossible to feed the company, this sergeant showed utter disregard for his personal safety in bringing the kitchen up to within 1,000 yards of the lines, camouflaged it in an artillery emplacement and fed his company.

SERGT. GEORGE E. BAILIE, Company I. On Oct. 10, 1918, during the action at Bois des Chaume, north of Consenvoye and east of the Meuse river, and in the four days that followed, Sergt. Bailie did exhibit exceptional qualities of bravery and initiative while under fire, in a way that materially aided our lines to gain the objectives and hold them. During the advance Sergt. Bailie was struck in the face with a small piece of shell, the effect of which knocked him flat on his face. He pulled the piece of shell out of the flesh where it was embedded, smiled and said, "A good souvenir, captain," and continued to take part in the attack, insisting that he was all right and "it does not hurt much." As a patrol leader or on outpost duty Sergt. Bailie always showed the highest quality of bravery, initiative and leadership.

SERGT. MARTYN S. BAKER, Company M. During the advance of September 26 near Gerecourt, France, did, after the loss of his platoon commander, assume command and reorganized the line, and by his coolness and utter disregard of personal danger and by his continual exposure encouraged his men to advance and attack two machine guns that were holding up the line, capturing the crews and so reaching the objective.

SERGT. ROBERT F. BLACKSTROM, Company B, 131st Infantry. At Chipilly, August 10, when the outpost was repeatedly killed or driven back from the sunken Bray-Corbie road, he volunteered to go out alone and hold this road, and snipers and machine guns failed to drive him out. His position was repeatedly shelled; disregarding same, he held the position all day.

SERGT. FRANK J. CALLAHAN, Company L, 131st Infantry. Sept. 26, 1918, was ordered to take up a position with his platoon on the north bank of the Meuse, between Bethencourt and Forges, to cover the engineers, who were building a bridge. He led his men across the bridge, which was reported and afterward found mined, and kept the enemy away while the engineers completed their work.

SERGT. FRERERICK S. COWLES, Company F. On Aug. 9, 1918, in the attack on Chipilly Ridge, skilfully led his platoon during the first phase of the attack, and coming to a wooded valley put two separate machine guns out of action by his individual bravery and made a number of captures with the assistance of his companions.

SERGT. GEO. A. CROTTY, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Privates Wunk, Carroway and Neazbe, advanced beyond their platoon and succeeded in capturing a machine gun crew which threatened the lives of many of their comrades.

SERGT. WM. DAVIDSON, Company D, 131st Infantry. Oct. 10, 1918, during the attack on Consenvoye Wood took command of his platoon after the leader and many of his men were killed and wounded, and by his personal coolness under this terrific fire of enemy machine guns and artillery so inspired his men that they gained the objective and held same for six hours until relieved, beating off two counter attacks.

SERGT. JOHN P. DEAL, Company B, 131st Infantry. At Chipilly, August 9, when his company was held up by intense fire from enemy machine guns, with Sergt. Johnson made a personal reconnaissance through machine gun and artillery fire, and found a way for the company to go forward, thus enabling the entire battalion to advance.

SERGT. FRANK O. DORE, Company D, 131st Infantry. Did at Albert on July 19, 1918, lead two platoons into the front lines, completing a relief after his commanding officer was disabled and himself being wounded, refusing first aid treatment until such time as the relief was complete and the command was duly turned over to next in command.

SERGT. ARTHUR D. DYAS, Machine Gun Company, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume, Oct. 9, 1918, wounded and gassed refused to leave the line and his work until ordered by commanding officer. He volunteered to take four guns to front line and help Company B, 122nd Machine Gun Battalion, when report came that all their guns had been knocked out.

SERGT. DEE MARION FRENCH, Company K. Did on the morning of August 11 assist in dressing the wounds of a British soldier under direct and heavy shell fire, one shell bursting within six feet of the party and destroying the British soldier's Lewis gun.

SERGT. MARTIN W. GARVEY, Company I, 131st Infantry. On Oct. 10, 1918, during the action of Bois de Chaume, north of Consenvoye, Sergt. Garvey did exhibit exceptional qualities of bravery and initiative under fire. During the advance he went up and down the line cheering the men and encouraging them in every possible way. He rescued a man who had been wounded and was lying out in the open, dressed his wounds and carried him to a place of safety.

SERGT. ARTHUR J. GUNDERSON, Company B, 131st Infantry. Action of the Meuse, Sept. 26, 1918, when his platoon was held up by three .77 field pieces, and protected by a machine gun, was firing point blank, he with two comrades boldly charged them by short rushes, put the machine gun out of action, killed the crew and captured the three field pieces. This with utter disregard of personal safety.

SERGT. GEORGE F. HALL, Company H, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume, Oct. 9, 1918, led his platoon after his platoon leader had been wounded, placed a line of outposts between our lines and the enemy and visited them frequently throughout the night under very heavy shell fire.

SERGT. HARVIE A. HARRIS, Medical Det., 131st Infantry. At Consenvoye, Oct. 11, 1918, because of lack of shelter, carried on the dressing of the wounded

in the open under heavy shell fire, without regard to personal safety. He also established a chain of first aid stations following the troops, allowing for quick evacuation. His work was highly praised by all officers and he saved many lives.

SERGT. LESLIE HEGBERG, Company G. No citation available.

SERGT. ERNEST L. HEIDE, Company A, 131st Infantry. At east bank of the Meuse, north of Consenvoye, night of Sept. 28, 1918, although seriously wounded, did, while on a raiding party, engage in a hand to hand encounter with a Prussian guard and did wound and capture him and take him back to our own lines on west bank of the Meuse river.

SERGT. VIRGIL E. JOHNSON, Company B, 131st Infantry. For extraordinary heroism and gallantry in the action of Oct. 10, 1918, near Consenvoye, France, his platoon being held up and pinned to the ground by a deadly machine gun fire. He fearlessly and with utter disregard for his own life volunteered to go back to the captain and inform him the exact position of the pill boxes, thereby enabling them to bring up the supporting trench mortars into action, saving the platoon from annihilation.

MESS SERGT. ROBERT H. KNIGHT, Company K, 131st Infantry. At west bank of the Meuse river, north of Gercourt and Drillencourt, Sept. 26, 1918, did, knowing that the company was out of rations, of his own accord assemble all his cooks and kitchen police and carry rations to his company in the front line over the top from Le Mort Homme, a distance of seven kilometers, under heavy shell fire. His company was the first to have rations brought up to it after the September 25 action.

SERGT. RALPH P. LAYNE, Company H. No citation available.

SERGT. ALBERT G. LEMMON, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, northeast of Doncourt, on Nov. 10, 1918, with Privates Roy Fino, Wilcox and Larson, after reaching objective, went beyond into the valley to the right of the wood and captured a machine gun post and four prisoners.

SERGT. DONALD J. M'INTOSH, Company G, 131st Infantry. In an attack on Bois de Chaume, on Oct. 9, 1918, Sergt. McIntosh alone advanced under a hail of machine gun bullets, mopped up a machine gun nest of seven men that were pouring a terrific fire into our lines. He showed great bravery and courage, without regard for his own personal safety, in putting them out of action.

SERGT. HOLLY MIDKIFF, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, northeast of Doncourt, on November 18 led the attack of Company L, capturing numerous prisoners single-handed and inspiring his men by his heroic deeds and his coolness at all times while under very severe fire.

SERGT. EDGAR M. MORRIS, 131st Infantry. At Verdun, Sept. 26, 1918, after company had been demoralized by heavy shell fire, helped reorganize his platoon under fire, exposing himself fearlessly and setting an excellent example to his men.

SERGT. ELMER P. NAGEL, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Gressaire Wood, Aug. 10, 1918, did move from Gressaire Wood and take up a position on the right of the road in front of the woods, by orders which he received, staying there under terrific shell fire until orders came from his commander to withdraw to some

natural cover. While they were out in the open there was no natural cover for himself and his men to take.

SERGT. EARL H. PERKINS, Company M, 131st Infantry. Sept. 26, 1918, during the Meuse-Argonne offensive, when the left of the line was held up by machine guns, he with four others crawled across an open field, flanked the three posts, killing seven and capturing twenty-three prisoners.

SERGT. JOHN C. PERRIE, Headquarters Company, 131st Infantry. Took over a section of trench mortars and supported our 2nd Battalion, which was attached to 132nd Infantry. He knocked out four machine gun nests, which had held up Companies B and D for several hours. He showed good judgment and coolness at all times.

SERGT. WILLIAM PIEPHO, Company F, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume, October 9, our progress was greatly hampered by a sniper. Sergt. Piepho voluntarily worked his way around to the sniper and shot him with his revolver. In doing so he exposed himself to direct fire, and set a wonderful example of fearlessness and bravery.

PVT. WALTER POTTER, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, northeast of Doncourt, on Nov. 10, 1918, answered a call for volunteers, who went beyond the call of duty in going beyond the objective and assisting in the destruction of a troublesome machine gun nest. His bravery during this action was an inspiration to his comrades.

SERGT. LEONARD A. RUNYAN, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, on Nov. 10, 1918, led the attack through the gap in the first belt of wire under most severe machine gun fire. His bravery inspired his platoon to further successes.

SERGT. JACKSON J. SELLS, Company B, 131st Infantry. At Chipilly, Aug. 11, 1918, learning the need of ammunition in the lines, volunteered and led carrying parties over the heavily shelled roads and fields. When the guide became lost he personally found the way to the lines, located Capt. Richmond, then returning to his men was forced to await nightfall until proceeding with their mission. He then led them successfully through woods. The night being very dark he was compelled to remove his gas mask to find the way through the wood, which was full of gas. He was badly gassed upon reaching the lines, but refused to be evacuated and remained throughout the entire action.

SERGT. HERMAN C. SLOCUM, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Cpls. Eakin and Van Loon, Pvts. Kirby, Dillon and Riccioni, after having reached and established themselves on their objective on right of line, did display extraordinary bravery in action. Due to opposition the left of the line was held up for a time. Upon a call for volunteers these men responded and swept down along the left flank of our objective, destroying one machine gun post and forcing another to retire. This permitted the left to advance and the whole line to consolidate. Sergt. Slocum kept these men together, and by his inspiring example greatly assisted in this maneuver.

SERGT. JOHN T. STAPLETON, Company A. No citation available.

SERGT. JOSEPH F. TRAHAN, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Cpl. Murray, Pvts. Olszyk and Cloonon, established themselves on the objective and connected up with the right and left. They observed

the enemy establishing a machine gun post directly in front. They immediately charged without being ordered to do so, killing eight of the enemy, disabling both guns and driving the rest back in disorder.

SERGT. PETER VIRGIN, Company H, 131st Infantry. North of Forges creek, Sept. 26, 1918, displayed great skill in effective control of his platoon, and by his personal courage set a splendid example to his men.

SERGT. THOMAS J. WALSH, Company D, 131st Infantry. On Aug. 17, 1918, at Bray-Sur-Somme, conducted a daylight raid on enemy trenches, objectives were gained, machine gun positions and prisoners captured. Although seriously wounded he carried a wounded comrade to safety from a heavily shelled position, returned and directed further attack, refusing first aid until ordered to by his commanding officer.

SERGT. HARRY C. WESCHE, Company G, 131st Infantry. North of Forges river led his platoon into action after his platoon commander had been seriously wounded, and when wounded himself refused to go to dressing station until objective was reached and position had been consolidated. He then collected and escorted all prisoners that had been captured to the rear, although enduring severe pain before going to aid station. This on Sept. 26, 1918.

SERGT. ERNEST H. WILCOX, Company M, 131st Infantry. September 26, during the Meuse-Argonne offensive, showed unusual bravery and coolness in exposing himself to machine gun fire in leading his platoon forward. He was wounded early in the engagement and again the second time, but went on until the objective was gained.

SERGT. ANTON R. WINGERTER, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, led a small party consisting of Cpls. Gentry and McClary, and Pvts. Potter, Kulpit and Kadison beyond the objective, destroying a troublesome machine gun nest. His bravery during this action inspired his platoon.

CPL. FRANK J. ALLISON, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Forges, night of Sept. 25, 1918, a platoon was sent out as a covering party for the engineers building bridges over Forges creek. In the platoon were Cpls. Allison and Pollos, the former with the automatic rifle squad. These two men led their squads through the shelled swamp and by their display of courage and good judgment enabled their men to get their positions without any casualties.

CPL. MARTIN BANKS, Company M, 131st Infantry. On August 18th, near Etnehem, volunteered with two others to take rations to an automatic gun outpost, members of which had been without food for twenty-four hours. They succeeded in this mission under a very heavy fire.

CPL. THEOPHILUS BRABEC, Company M, 131st Infantry. Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Sergt. Trahen, Cpl. Murray, Pvts. Olszyk and Cloonan, established themselves on the objective and connected up with the right and left. They observed the enemy establishing a machine gun nest directly in front. They immediately charged without being ordered to do so, killing eight of the enemy, disabling both of the guns and driving the remainder back in disorder.

CPL. IRVING BROCKMAN, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, in company with Pvts. Hoban, Vanderlee and Van Winkle, did lead them in an attack on an enemy machine gun, killing all of the enemy. He continued to lead his men forward after both automatic rifles were disabled, and killed or wounded all of the enemy in immediate front with rifle fire.

CPL. WILLIAM C. BUXTON, Company K, 131st Infantry. On east bank of Meuse river north of Consenvoye, September 28-29, during the night, in heavy rain, with his comrades did show great courage and valor in a raid on enemy positions, crossing the Meuse from the west bank on a narrow foot bridge, which had to be crossed one man at a time on account of its construction, also crossed a bridge over the canal, and when they had crossed the river they did come to hand fighting with the enemy, wounding four of them fatally, routing the others and capturing one, then returning to our lines they did succeed in taking all wounded and prisoners back over the slippery and narrow bridge from the enemy's side of the river to our own lines on the west bank.

CPL. CHARLES O. CREWS, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Gressaire Wood, Aug. 10, 1918, with five of his comrades volunteered and went forward, taking up a position under terrific shell fire, which afforded little or no protection. They remained there until orders came from their commander to withdraw to some natural cover.

CPL. EARLEY R. EAKIN, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, on Nov. 10, 1918, with Sergt. Slocum, Cpl. VanLoon and Pvts. Kirby, Dillon and Riccioni, established themselves on objective on right of line. Due to opposition the left was held up for a time. Upon a call for volunteers these men responded and swept down toward the left flank along our objective, destroying one machine gun post and forcing the others to retire. This permitted the left to advance and the whole line to consolidate.

CPL. CHAS. W. ELLIS, Company G. Did at Gressaire Wood and Chipilly Ridge, Aug. 9, 1918, rush a machine gun post, containing two men. Was wounded while rushing the post.

CPL. ROY ERICKSON, Company B, 131st Infantry. For extraordinary bravery in action in the St. Hilaire Wood, Nov. 9, 1918, after a small wood had been supposedly cleaned of snipers and machine guns in order that Battalion Headquarters might occupy same, this soldier claimed a party of the enemy had returned to the woods, and in order to support his claim volunteered to go into the woods to draw fire. This he did, returned and guided a patrol back, which attacked and put the machine gun out of action. In so doing he saved many lives.

CPL. JOHN EVANGELISTA, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Cpl. Charles R. Boyatt, captured a machine gun nest and prisoners, destroying two guns, under heavy machine gun fire and at a very great risk to themselves.

CPL. SOL C. FAIRMAN, Company H, 131st Infantry. While recovering from wounds Aug. 9, 1918, he heard his company was in the lines ready to advance against the enemy, and rejoined same. He was given the choice of remaining in a place of safety, as company clerk, but he refused. In the advance on Bois de Chaume he rendered invaluable service to his commander and inspired his comrades.

CPL. JOHN J. FICHTER, JR., Company B, 131st Infantry. For extraordinary heroism and bravery in action in the St. Hilaire Woods, Nov. 9, 1918, after a small woods had been supposedly cleaned of snipers and machine guns in order that battalion headquarters might occupy same. This soldier claimed a party of the enemy had returned to the woods and in order to support his claim volunteered to go into the wood with Cpl. Erickson to draw fire. He succeeded, and returning guided a patrol back which put the machine gun nest out of action. In so doing he saved many lives.

CPL. JOHN L. FULTON, Company K, 131st Infantry. East bank of the Meuse, north of Consenvoye, September 28-29 at night, in heavy rain, did show great courage and valor in a raid on enemy position, crossing the Meuse river from the west bank on a narrow foot bridge on a dam which had to be crossed one man at a time, on account of its construction and loose boards. Also crossed a bridge over the canal, came upon the enemy, came to hand to hand fighting with them, wounding four of them fatally, routed the others and captured one. Then returning to our own lines did succeed in taking all wounded and prisoners back over the slippery bridge from the enemy's side of the river to our own lines on the west bank.

CPL. FRANK GARRITY, Company G. No citation available.

CPL. ROBERT GENTRY, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville Nov. 10, 1918, answered a call for volunteers who went beyond the objective and assisted in destroying a troublesome machine gun nest. His bravery during this action inspired his comrades.

CPL. EDWARD WALTER IWICKI, 108th F.S.B., attached to 131st Infantry, at Forges Wood, Sept. 26, 1918, carried telephone lines forward, supporting Second Battalion, 131st Infantry, under heavy shell fire.

CPL. JACOB WILBUR LOH, Headquarter Company, 131st Infantry. At Forges Wood, Sept. 26, 1918, carried telephone lines forward behind the supporting companies of the Second Battalion under heavy shell fire and machine gun fire with the assistance of Cpl. Iwicki and kept the battalion in liaison with regimental headquarters during the entire engagement.

CPL. ALLEX M. MADSEN, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, when his platoon sergeant had been wounded, did take command of the platoon, under heavy machine gun fire, and displayed exceptional qualities of coolness in leading the platoon. During the advance he received a severe wound in the leg.

CPL. VICTOR O. MCLEARY, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, answered a call for volunteers, who went beyond the objective and assisted in destroying a troublesome machine gun nest. His bravery during this action was an inspiration to his comrades.

CPL. THOMAS R. McNAMARA, Company D, 131st Infantry. October 12, near Consenvoye wood, after his platoon leader was wounded, assumed command of the platoon and inspired confidence into his men by coolness and bravery displayed under fire.

CPL. DOMINIC L. MERCATORIS, Company K, 131st Infantry. East bank of the Meuse river, north of Consenvoye, September 28-29, at night, in heavy rain, with his comrades did show great courage and valor in a raid on the enemy's position, crossing the Meuse from the west bank on a dam which had to be crossed one man at a time on account of its construction; also crossed a bridge over the canal and did, after crossing, come to hand to hand fighting with the enemy, fatally wounding four, routing the others and capturing one, then returning to our lines he succeeded in taking all wounded and prisoner back over the narrow and slippery bridge from the enemy's side of river to our own lines on the west bank.

CPL. FRANK L. MILLS, Company B, 131st Infantry. At Chipilly, Aug. 9, 1918, while the company was temporarily held up, with absolute disregard for his own life and safety, assisted in removing several wounded men into places of safety and shelter.

CPL. JOHN J. MURRAY, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Sergt. Trahan, privates Olszyk, Brabee and Cloonan established themselves on the objective and connected up with the right and left. They observed the enemy establishing a machine gun post directly in front. They immediately charged without being ordered to do so, killing eight of the enemy, disabled both guns, and drove the remainder back in disorder.

CPL. PETER POLLOS, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Forges, Sept. 25, 1918, night of Sept. 25th. A platoon was sent as a covering party for the engineers building bridges over Forges Creek. In the platoon were Cpl. Allison and Cpl. Pollos. The former with an automatic rifle squad and the latter with a rifle squad. These two men led their squads through the shelled swamps and by their display of courage and good judgment reached their position without casualties.

CPL. JAMES W. SNEED, Company M, 131st Infantry. On November 10, near Doncourt, Cpl. Sneed, then a private, was coming forward with ration limber and found a tree across the road. He immediately returned thru the enemy barrage, got an axe, removed the tree and went forward.

CPL. JOHN E. SOENS, Company M, 131st Infantry. During the Meuse-Argonne offensive, Oct. 10, 1918, did show exceptional bravery and coolness in handling his platoon under fire.

CPL. EARL W. STOREY, Headquarter Company, 131st Infantry. East of the Meuse, north of Consenvoye, Oct. 8 to 14, 1918, with disregard to personal safety, maintained telephonic communication during the entire offensive. He worked day and night, and his careful attention to duty made it possible to keep liaison perfect with all units.

CPL. JOHN C. VANLOON, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville on Nov. 10, 1918, with Sergt. Slocum, Cpl. Eakin and privates Dillion, Kirby and Riccioni established themselves on objective on right of line. Due to opposition, the left was held up for a time. Upon a call for volunteers these men responded, swept down the left flank of our objective, destroying one machine gun post and forcing occupants to retire. This permitted the left to advance and the whole line to consolidate.

CPL. JOHN S. WADENA, Company K, 131st Infantry. On east bank of Meuse river, north of Consenvoye, September 28-29, at night, in heavy rain, with his comrades, did show great courage and valor in a raid on enemy position, crossing the Meuse river from the west bank on a narrow foot bridge on a dam which had to be crossed one man at a time on account of its construction. Also crossed a bridge over canal, and when they had crossed the river did come to hand to hand fighting with the enemy. They fatally wounded four, routed the others and captured one. Then returning to our lines did succeed in taking all wounded and prisoners back over the slippery and narrow bridge from the enemy's side of the river to our own lines on the west bank.

CPL. PERRY A. WALKER, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Pvt. Berg Larriere and Beck, advanced under heavy fire and captured a machine gun which was temporarily holding back part of the platoon.

CPL. DANIEL L. WATERS, Company K, 131st Infantry. East bank of Meuse river, north of Consenvoye, September 28-29, at night, in heavy rain, with his comrades did show great courage and valor in a raid on enemy position, crossing the Meuse from the west bank on a dam which had to be crossed one at a

time on account of its construction. Also crossed a bridge over a canal, and did, after crossing come to hand to hand fighting with the enemy, fatally wounding four, routing the rest, and capturing one prisoner. Then returning did succeed in taking all wounded and prisoner back over the slippery and narrow bridge from the enemy's side of the river to our own lines on west bank.

MECH. WILLIAM A. DODDER, Company G, 131st Infantry. Near Consenvoye, Oct. 9, 1918, carried wounded from the field under heavy machine gun fire. Displayed great courage without regard for personal safety.

MECH. LADIUS HOFFMAN, Company M, 131st Infantry. On August 18, near Eitnehem, with two others, did volunteer to take rations to an automatic rifle outpost which had been without food for 24 hours. They succeeded in this mission under very heavy fire from enemy machine guns.

BUGLER WILLIAM J. GORDEN, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Forges, Oct. 5, 1918, on night of Oct. 5, 1918, on the west bank of the Meuse river when a gas shell exploded in a small concrete dugout Bugler William J. Gordon placed gas masks on the wounded men and carried them up a stairway and out of the gas, although badly gassed himself and compelled to work with a gas mask on.

WAGONER JAMES W. HILTON, Supply Company, 131st Infantry. At Chipilly, August, 1918, displayed exceptional bravery and heroism in action.

WAGONER ALFRED LATHROP, Supply Company, 131st Infantry. East of the Meuse, north of Consenvoye, October 8 to 14, drove his team up to the line dump along heavily shelled road, thus preventing the withdrawal of men to act as carrying parties.

PVT. 1ST CL. ROBERT B. ANDERSON, Company K, 131st Infantry. At east bank of Meuse river, north of Consenvoye, night of Sept. 28-29, 1918, although seriously wounded, did, while on a raiding party, carry one of our men, who was fatally wounded, from the enemy line north bank of the Meuse river across the bridge over the canal and across the foot bridge over the river back to our lines, thereby preventing the means of identification from falling into the hands of the enemy.

PVT. 1ST CL. CHARLES I. BAKER, Company H, 131st Infantry. In action October 8 displayed great courage and initiative when he was sent from the battalion commanding officer to ascertain if all companies had crossed the Meuse. During this duty a shell exploded, wounding him and destroying his rifle. He continued on, getting a correct report. On returning he refused first aid until the objective was gained. He was later burned severely by mustard gas. By his bravery and coolness he set an unequalled example.

PVT. 1ST CL. ROBT. P. BRUMLEVE, Medical Detachment at le Mort Homme and north of Forges river. Sept. 26, 1918, while attached to second battalion, Pvt. Brumleve showed extraordinary heroism in dressing wounded under shell fire. He worked continuously throughout the succeeding days of fighting.

PVT. 1ST CL. JOSEPH W. CARROWAY, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Sergt. Geo. A. Crotty and Pvts. Whak and Neazbe, advanced beyond their platoon, their orders being to stop at crossroad. They succeeded in capturing a machine gun crew, which threatened lives of many of their comrades.

PVT. 1ST. CL. WILLIAM CURE, Company A, 131st Infantry. At Chipilly Ridge and Gressaire Wood, upon being sent to an unknown position in the rear for much needed ammunition, showed both courage and initiative in leading the party

back under heavy shell fire which killed one of his party. He brought the ammunition up at the critical time when the company was about to fall back for want of same.

PVT. 1ST CL. MASON L. ELLIS, Medical Detachment, 131st Infantry. At le Mort Homme, Sept. 26, 1918, while working in a first aid station in front line trenches did volunteer to go forward with the battalion and direct the wounded to the first aid post. He established a forward aid post and kept liaison under heavy fire, and by his coolness and bravery in directing the stretcher bearers saved many lives.

PVT. 1ST CL. JAMES T. HUNT, Med. Det., 131st Infantry. Displayed great devotion to duty at Mort Homme action, Sept. 26, 1918. He set an inspiring example to his comrades in attending the wounded and directing their removal to a place of safety while under intense machine gun and artillery fire.

PVT. 1ST CL. WM. B. M'CULLOUGH, Med. Det. At le Mort Homme, Sept. 26, 1918, while attached to the 2nd Battalion, Pvt. McCullough showed extraordinary heroism while dressing wounded under shell fire.

PVT. 1ST CL. GEORGE A. MCGREGOR, Company K, 131st Infantry. On east bank of Meuse river, north of Consenvoye, night of Sept. 28 and 29, at night, in heavy rain, with his comrades did show great courage and valor in a raid on enemy positions, crossing the Meuse from the west bank on a narrow foot bridge which had to be crossed one man at a time on account of its construction, also crossed a bridge over canal and did after crossing come to hand to hand fighting with the enemy, fatally wounding four of them, routing the rest and capturing one, then returning to our lines did succeed in taking all wounded and prisoner back over the narrow and slippery bridge from the enemy's side of the river to our own lines on the west bank.

Pvt. 1ST CL. OTTO PEARSON, Company C, 131st Infantry. Showed great devotion to duty by refusing to go to the first aid station after receiving a bad leg wound during the Hamel action July 4, 1918, remaining with the company until consolidated and dug in.

PVT. 1ST CL. MASON M. RANDLE, Med. Det., 131st Infantry. At Gressaire Wood, from night of Aug. 9 to 10, 1918, displayed great devotion to duty and disregard for his own personal safety, working for thirty-six hours under trying circumstances in dressing and caring for large number of wounded and handling the evacuation of same from first aid station that was well forward, exposed to machine gun, heavy artillery fire and bombing from aeroplanes.

PVT. 1ST CL. CHAS. L. RUSSELL, Company G, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume, near Consenvoye, Oct. 9, 1918, the advance was held up by heavy machine gun fire and a machine gun sniper, who was causing many casualties among the men of one of the platoons of his company whenever they rose from the prone position. Pvt. 1st Cl. Russell advanced alone by short rushes to a point where he could use his automatic rifle and succeeded in putting the sniper out of action, thereby allowing the platoon to advance to its objective.

PVT. 1ST CL. JOHN S. SWANSON, Company C, 131st Infantry. Aug. 9, 1918, at Gressaire Wood, after his platoon had advanced through this wood, which had and was being heavily shelled, and had dug in to protect the left flank, and when one of the members of the platoon was severely wounded in the neck, Pvt. Swanson crept out to where he was and carried him to the first aid station.

PVT. 1ST CL. FRED C. TRAUTMAN, Company E, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume, east bank of Meuse, Oct. 8, 1918, did volunteer to keep liaison with 29th Division on our right, which necessitated passing through a wide gap between their division and ours.

PVT. 1ST CL. LEE TUCKER, Headquarters Company, 131st Infantry. East of Meuse, north of Consenvoye, Sept. 26, 1918, drove his motorcycle through strange territory, along heavily shelled roads, at all hours of the day and night until completely exhausted, and would not quit until ordered to the hospital by regimental medical officer.

PVT. 1ST CL. FREDERICK H. TURNER, Med. Det., 131st Infantry. At Chipilly Ridge, Aug. 9, 1918, displayed great bravery while attending wounded under machine gun and artillery fire. Private Turner showed disregard for personal safety in advancing across an open field to establish a first aid station after being warned by an English officer of the danger from enemy fire.

PVT. 1ST CL. JOHN A. WOESSNER, Company I. On Oct. 10, 1918, during the action at Bois des Chaume, north of Consenvoye and east of the Meuse river, and in the four days that followed Pvt. Woessner did exhibit exceptional qualities of bravery while under fire. Pvt. Woessner was company orderly and acting runner, and he always showed the highest quality of bravery. He often took care of wounded, assisting in giving them first aid treatment. He assisted in carrying to cover a man who was severely wounded and lying in an area which was subjected to heavy artillery and machine gun fire.

PVT. EDWARD S. ANDERSON, Company B, 131st Infantry. Near Consenvoye, France, on Oct. 10, 1918, acting as stretcher bearer, calmly, methodically and with utter disregard for his own life collected the wounded under shell fire and carried them through a wood full of snipers, continuing on duty for sixty hours.

PVT. ALVERY J. BARR, Company M. On the morning of Sept. 26, 1918, Pvt. Alvery J. Barr did display great courage and devotion to duty in action. It was at the beginning of the Bois de Forges offensive, shortly after the attack began, that the commanding officer, Third battalion, halted after crossing the stream, to determine if the battalion was intact, and if there was liaison with our flanks before proceeding on to the objective. The battalion was advancing in the face of very intense sweeping enemy machine gun and artillery fire. The battalion commander, learning that there was no liaison between his battalion and the unit on a flank called upon Pvt. Barr, then battalion runner, to carry verbal message to the regimental commander on Dead Man's Hill. Passing through this intense fire he started for the rear, passing through the valley, which was enveloped in a very dense fog, which made it difficult to travel. This area was being constantly shelled by the enemy's artillery and machine guns. He carried on despite this fact, transmitting correctly the important message entrusted to him and returned directly to his post with the battalion. In all actions in which this battalion participated he executed his duties exceptionally well, and due to his reliability was selected for all important missions.

PVT. ALFRED H. BECK, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, northeast of Doncourt, Nov. 10, 1918, with Cpl. Walker and Pvts. Berg and Lat-tiere, advanced under heavy fire and captured a machine gun which was holding up part of the platoon.

PVT. MARTIN N. BERG, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Cpl. Perry A. Walker and Pvts. Lettiere and Beck, advanced under heavy fire and captured a machine gun which was temporarily holding back part of the platoon.

PVT. MICHAEL BIERYTA, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Warville, northeast of Doncourt, advanced, cutting wire entanglement with his bayonet so troops could advance. He was under constant machine gun fire and was mortally wounded just as he finished his work.

PVT. WILLIAM BLACKWELL, Company D. No citation available.

PVT. PHILIP J. BOENING, Company M. On Oct. 10, 1918, on the east bank of the Meuse, due to intense shelling and terrific machine gun fire, it became necessary for two platoons to take up a position on the reverse slope of a hill. Observation of the enemy had to be maintained. Volunteers were called for. Pvt. Boening, in company with Cpl. O'Keefe and Pvt. Hartman, volunteered, and under terrific fire established an observation post and kept up liaison with their platoon. They maintained the position until nightfall, when the platoons, under cover of darkness, were enabled to come up and dig in on the position.

PVT. HAN BREDAL, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Gressaire Wood, August 10, with five of his comrades, went forward on their own initiative and took up a position without any means of protection, being in a very open place. They remained there until orders came from their commander, Lieut. Holt, to withdraw to some natural cover. This under very heavy shell fire.

PVT. ALFRED B. BRIGGS, Company B, 131st Infantry. Near Consenvoye, France, on Oct. 10, 1918, this private, a stretcher bearer, calmly, methodically and with utter disregard for his own life, collected the wounded under intense machine gun fire and shell fire and carried them through a wood full of snipers, continuing on duty for sixty hours.

PVT. ISADOR BRO, Company F, 131st Infantry. Did at Chipilly, Aug. 9, 1918, enter the wood on the side of the ridge, in the face of intense machine gun fire, made his way through these woods, where several German dugouts were located, cleaned them out and single-handed captured eleven prisoners. On the following day he volunteered to go from the front line to the rear for water for the troops; this while an active barrage was placed on our lines.

PVT. RICHARD H. BINGHAM, Headquarters Company, 131st Infantry. At Wadonville, Nov. 9, 1918, did voluntarily and while off duty go out and maintain telephonic communication, and alone went out in search of enemy, which had been and were tampering with the wires, staying on the job until ordered to report to the hospital.

PVT. JOHN BUECHNER, Company G, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume, near Consenvoye, Oct. 9, 1918, carried wounded from the field under heavy machine gun fire without regard for personal safety.

PVT. SWEN CARLSON, Company M. Sept. 26, 1918, during the Meuse-Argonne offensive the left of our line was held up by a belt of very heavy machine gun fire. Pvt. Carlson, Sergt. Perkins, Pvts. McBreen and Flag on their own initiative crawled across an open field about 200 yards in length, which was subjected to a very intense fire from machine guns and artillery. These men managed to flank the three most important machine gun positions which were holding up the left, killing seven of the enemy and capturing twenty-three prisoners.

PVT. WALTER CARROLL, Company B, 131st Infantry. Near Consenvoye, Oct. 10, 1918, after two stretcher bearers had been killed and one severely wounded while attempting to rescue Lieut. Broche, who had been wounded, Pvt. Carroll, with utter disregard for his own life and safety, volunteered to act as stretcher bearer, and though severely wounded himself in the attempt, he succeeded in rescuing Lieut. Broche.

PVT. STANLEY CIESLAK, Company L, 131st Infantry. Sept. 26, 1918, at west bank of Meuse, displayed exceptional qualities of bravery in gathering together a number of men who had been separated by the barrage which fell short among them, took them forward over the top until he located their company, thereby preventing a gap in the line.

PVT. LEONARD C. CLAYTON, Company A, 131st Infantry. At Chipilly Ridge, as gun pointer, unaided, accounted for at least three enemy machine guns, took command of Lewis gun squad when his corporal had been disabled, showing great coolness and bravery, with disregard of personal safety. He also instructed newly formed squads in the use of Lewis guns under fire, his bravery and initiative was an inspiration to all.

PVT. DENNIS B. CLOONAN, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, on Nov. 10, 1919, with Sergt. Trahan, Cpl. Murray, Pvts. Olszyk and Brabes, established themselves on the objective and connected up with the right and left. They observed the enemy establishing a machine gun post directly in front. They immediately charged without being ordered to do so, killing eight of the enemy, disabling both of the guns and driving the remainder back in disorder.

PVT. JULIUS COHEN, Company F. On Aug. 9, 1918, during the attack on Chipilly Ridge, Pvt. Cohen was painfully wounded in the leg. He bandaged his wound himself, refusing to go back until the objective was reached. Weak from loss of blood he turned back after the objective was reached and carried with him on his back a seriously wounded British soldier. This under heavy shell and machine gun fire.

PVT. FENN H. COONEY, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Gressaire Wood, Aug. 10, 1918, with five of his comrades, volunteered and went forward, taking up a position which afforded little protection against the terrific shell fire to which they were subjected. They remained there until orders came from their commander, Lieut. Holt, to withdraw to some natural cover.

PVT. WILLIAM H. CROSS, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, in company with Pvt. Olsen, advanced ahead of our lines, spied enemy and forced ten of them to surrender, including one officer. This after killing four and wounding one. All this time they were under heavy machine gun fire.

PVT. 1ST CL. HARRY A. DAHL, Company K, 131st Infantry. On east bank of Meuse, north of Consenvoye, Sept. 28-29, night of heavy rain, with his comrades did show great courage and valor in a raid on enemy positions, crossing the Meuse from west bank on a narrow foot bridge, which had to be crossed one at a time on account of its construction, also crossed a bridge over canal, and did after crossing come to hand to hand fighting with the enemy, fatally wounding four of them, routing the others and capturing one, then returning to our lines did succeed in taking all wounded and prisoner back over the slippery and narrow bridge from the enemy's side of the river to our own lines on the west bank.

PVT. HUBERT A. DEASEY, Company F, 131st Infantry. On Aug. 9, 1918, during attack on Chipilly, volunteered to take a machine gun nest in the wood,

which had killed many of our men. Creeping up and around the nest he approached within bayonet distance without being seen, attacking with the bayonet, he killing three of the crew. His example was an inspiration to his comrades.

PVT. SAMUEL DE BONIS, Company A, 131st Infantry. Took care of the wounded under great personal danger to himself and showed utter disregard for his personal safety in performance of his duty as stretcher bearer.

PVT. FRANK E. DILLION, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Sergt. Slocum, Cpls. VanLoon and Eakin, Pvts. Riccioni and Kirby, established themselves on objective on right of the line. Due to opposition the left of the line was held up for a time. Upon a call for volunteers these men responded and swept down toward the left flank along the objective, destroying one machine gun post, forcing the others to retire. This permitted the left to advance and the whole line to consolidate.

PVT. PAUL J. DONOVAN, Company F, 131st Infantry. At Chipilly, Aug. 9, 1918, exhibited qualities of gallantry in action. He located and killed an enemy sniper, who had been causing many casualties in our lines and later in the advance he entered an enemy dugout and captured five prisoners.

PVT. ELMER E. DRAKE, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, assisted in the cutting of lanes through the wide belts of wire, which hampered the advance of the attacking wave, at a very great risk to themselves, under extremely heavy machine gun fire.

PVT. FRANK DUNNETT, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Gressaire Wood, Aug. 10, 1918, with five of his comrades volunteered and took up a forward position, with little or no protection from the terrific shell fire which they were under, and stayed there until orders came from their commander, Lieut. Holt, to withdraw to some natural shelter.

PVT. CONSTANTINO D. ECONOMAS, Company B, 131st Infantry. On the Meuse, September 26, showed extraordinary heroism and bravery in action when his platoon was held up by two .77 field pieces, which were firing at point blank range. He with his comrades boldly rushed this position, first putting out of action the machine gun crews which were protecting these guns, then killing the crews and captured the field pieces.

PVT. ANTHONY FINO, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Sergt. George Albert Lemmon and Pvts. Wilcox and Larson, after reaching objective, went beyond in the valley to the right of the wood and captured a machine gun crew and four prisoners.

PVT. DANIEL S. FLAGG, Company M, 131st Infantry. On Sept. 26, 1918, during the Meuse-Argonne offensive, the left of the line was held up by machine gun fire, Pvt. Flagg with three others showed great coolness and bravery by crawling across an open field and flanking the enemy post, killing seven and capturing twenty-three of the enemy.

PVT. VINACEZO FURFORO, Company B, 131st Infantry. In action of the Meuse, Sept. 26, when his platoon was held up by three .77 field pieces protected by a machine gun was firing point blank, with two comrades boldly charged them, and by short rushes put the machine gun out of action, killed the crew and captured the three field pieces. This with disregard to personal safety.

PVT. IGNATZ P. GOLLA, Company E, 131st Infantry. At Verdun, Sept. 26, 1918, as a runner he was sent to the rear to deliver a message to Battalion Head-

quarters. He passed through the enemy's fire in order to reach Battalion Headquarters. He delivered the message, showing fearlessness and absolute devotion to duty.

PVT. JEROME E. GORMAN, Company B, 131st Infantry. On the Meuse, Sept. 26, 1918, when the objective was first reached by half a platoon, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly entered dugouts in search of prisoners. In one dugout he was wounded in the arm, but continued on and brought out nineteen prisoners.

PVT. JOHN GUY, Company G. Did at Gressaire Woods and Chipilly Ridge, Aug. 10 and 11, 1918, carry water and rations to company on line in daytime through heavy shell fire. Company was badly in need of same. Also carried a wounded soldier in from 100 yards in front of front line.

PVT. GEORGE G. HALVORSEN, Company B, 131st Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in the action of the Meuse, near Gercourt, France, Sept. 26, 1918, when first platoon became separated from the company by a small copse and was suddenly stopped by a machine gun nest, this man, with utter disregard for his personal safety, volunteered to go across the front of this nest and secure aid. Running through a heavy barrage and machine gun fire he succeeded in getting aid, which coming on the left flank put the nest out of action and allowed the platoon to go forward.

PVT. EDWARD HARTMAN, Company M, 131st Infantry. On Oct. 10, 1918, east bank of the Meuse, he, with Cpl. O'Keefe and Pvt. Boenig, volunteered, and under fire established an outpost for observation and kept up liaison with their platoon.

PVT. EDWARD HERTER, Company M. On Nov. 10, 1918, near Bois de Harville, Pvt. Herter did display extraordinary heroism in leaving his place of shelter and go out alone, across an open patch of ground to carry in a wounded comrade, this in the face of a very heavy machine gun fire. He was severely wounded in doing this, but he carried out his task despite his dangerous and painful wound and carried his comrade back to a place of safety.

PVT. JOHN J. HOBAN, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, in company with Cpl. Brockman and Pvts. Vanderlee and Van Winkle, did attack a machine gun nest, killing all the enemy. Pvt. Hoban's automatic rifle was shot out of his hand, yet he continued to advance.

PVT. CAREY T. HOLBROOK, Company H, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume, Oct. 9, 1918, displayed remarkable bravery in carrying messages through heavy shell fire and machine gun fire and through heavy barrages.

PVT. ANTON HORTON, Company G, 131st Infantry. Near Consenvoye, Oct. 9, 1918, at Bois de Chaume, volunteered and did carry a message to rear for reinforcements over a field swept on two sides with heavy machine gun fire, displaying great courage, without regard for personal safety.

PVT. ISADORE HORWITZ, Company H, 131st Infantry. Near Bois de Chaume, Oct. 9, 1918, performed his duties as a runner under heavy shell and machine gun fire with absolute fearlessness, carrying messages to and from front lines without regard to his own safety. His courage and coolness rendered his services invaluable.

PVT. FRANK A. JAKUTIS, Company C, 131st Infantry. North of Consenvoye and north of Sivry-sur Meuse, October 10, this private, although burned in

the face and several places by mustard gas, refused to take anything but first aid. He kept on in the front lines until the action ended, and his heroism while suffering from these burns was an inspiration to all.

PVT. MOUNCE JOHNSON, Machine Gun Company, 131st Infantry. Near Consenvoye, Oct. 8-13, 1918, while driving ration limber, accomplished the difficult task of driving his team through shelled area back to transport area after his two comrades had been severely wounded and he himself wounded in the chest by the same shell.

PVT. 1ST CL. BION N. JOLLY, Headquarters Company. During the Chipilly Ridge action, from Aug. 9 to 19, 1918, did exhibit exceptional qualities of devotion to duty by staying on duty night and day working on operations' maps, placing information of the enemy thereon and in compiling data for the higher units. His work did much towards making this action a success.

PVT. ARTHUR G. JONES, Company E, 131st Infantry. At Verdun, Sept. 26, 1918, as a runner for first platoon, carried messages and established liaison between the support and leading waves, showing bravery as well as devotion to duty.

PVT. DAVID KADISON, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, answered a call for volunteers, who went beyond the objective and assisted in the destruction of a troublesome machine gun nest. His bravery during this action greatly inspired his comrades.

PVT. WILLIAM T. KERSTEIN, Company H, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume, on Oct. 9, 1918, displaying remarkable bravery in carrying message through heavy shell and machine gun fire. During subsequent holding of ground he time and again carried messages through heavy barrages. His courage enabled him to be of great assistance to his company commander.

PVT. GEORGE F. KIRBY, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Sgt. Slocum, Cpl. Eakin, and Van Loon, and Pvts. Dillion and Riccioni, established themselves on objective on right of line. Due to opposition the left was held up for a time. Upon a call for volunteers these men responded and swept down toward the left flank along the objective, destroying one machine gun post and forcing the others to retire. This permitted the left to advance and the whole line to consolidate.

PVT. ALBERT KLATT, Company E, 131st Infantry. During action on the Meuse, Sept. 26, 1918, showed great devotion to duty, and exceptional bravery and coolness by continuing in the advance, utterly disregarding a very painful wound which he had received in the leg early in the attack. He said nothing about this wound until after the objective was reached.

PVT. THOMAS KUJAWA, Company G. No citation available.

PVT. FRANK KULPIT, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, answered a call for volunteers, who went beyond the objective and assisted in the destruction of a troublesome machine gun nest. His bravery during this action inspired his comrades.

PVT. HARRY LAIRD, Company B, 131st Infantry. Near Eitnehem, Aug. 12, 1918, when his platoon was isolated from the company in holding an outpost. It being difficult to get rations to them he volunteered to go back for them. He with one comrade went through heavy shell and machine gun fire getting the rations, and in returning his comrade was killed. He added the load of his comrade to his and staggered back to the platoon, which was badly in need of the rations.

PVT. HAROLD N. LARSON, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, with Sgt. Lemmon, and Pvts. Fino and Roy, Nov. 10, 1918, after reaching objective went beyond in the valley to right of wood and captured a machine gun crew of four prisoners.

PVT. DAVID T. LEAHY, Company A, 131st Infantry. At Chipilly Ridge, was sent to the rear to bring up rations and water. He passed through heavy shell fire and gas, and alone was responsible for the company being furnished with rations and water.

PVT. LOREN LEITZMAN, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Gressaire Wood, Aug. 10, 1918, with five of his comrades, volunteered and took up a forward position which afforded little or no protection from the terrific shell fire which they were subjected, however they remained there until orders came from their commander, Lt. Holt, to withdraw to some natural cover.

PVT. MICHAEL LETTIERE, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Cpl. Perry Walker, and Pvts. Berg and Beek advanced under heavy fire and captured a machine gun which was temporarily holding up parts of the platoon.

PVT. ORSON L. LEWIS, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, N. E. of Doncourt, on Nov. 10, 1918, assisted in cutting lanes through the wide belts of wire which hampered the advance of the attacking waves at great risk to themselves under extremely heavy machine gun fire.

PVT. WILLIAM C. MATHISON, Company K, 131st Infantry. On east bank of Meuse, north of Consenvoye, Sept. 28 and 29, in heavy rain, at night with his comrades did show great courage and valor in a raid on enemy position, crossing the Meuse from west bank on a narrow foot bridge on a dam which had to be crossed one at a time on account of its construction, also crossed a bridge over canal, and after crossing river did come to hand to hand fighting with enemy, fatally wounding four of them, routing the others, capturing one, then returned to our lines successfully, crossing the narrow and slippery bridge, taking all wounded and prisoner back to our own lines from the enemy's side.

PVT. 1ST CL. JOSEPH NEAZBE, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Sgt. Geo. A. Grotty and Pvts. Wunk, and Carroway, advanced beyond their platoon and succeeded in capturing a machine gun crew which threatened the lives of their comrades.

PVT. JOSEPH M. NELSON, Company D. No citation available.

PVT. CHARLES I. NORMAN, Company B, 131st Infantry. On the Meuse, Sept. 26, 1918, when his platoon was held up by two .77 field pieces, protected by machine guns which were firing point blank, with two comrades boldly charged the battery and by short rushes first put the machine guns out of action, killing the crews, then captured the two field pieces.

PVT. WALTER A. OLSON, Company K, 131st Infantry. On east bank of Meuse river, north of Consenvoye, Sept. 28-29, at night, in heavy rain, with his comrades did show great courage and valor in a raid on enemy position, crossing the Meuse from west bank on a narrow foot bridge on a dam which had to be crossed one at a time on account of its construction, also crossed a bridge over canal, and did after crossing river come to hand to hand fighting with the enemy, fatally wounding four, routing the others, and capturing one; then returning to our lines did succeed in taking all wounded and prisoner back over the slippery and narrow bridge from the enemy's side of the river to our own lines on the west bank.

PVT. HJALMAR OLSEN, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, in company with Pvt. Cross, advanced ahead of our lines, spied enemy and forced ten of them to surrender, including one officer. This after killing four and wounding one. During all this time they were under heavy machine gun fire.

PVT. JOHN OLSZYK, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Sgt. Trahan, Cpl. Murray and Pvts. Brabee and Cloonan, established themselves on the objective and connected up with the right and left. They observed the enemy establishing a machine gun post directly in front. They immediately charged without being ordered to do so, killing 8 of the enemy, disabling both of the guns and driving the remainder back in disorder.

PVT. RAY REDDING, Company E, 131st Infantry. At Chipilly was attached to Co. Hqs., as a runner. He was sent to Bn. Hq. by his company commander and was wounded on the way. He returned with the desired information to his C. O. through violent shell fire, by his bravery setting an example to his companions.

PVT. GIUSEPPE RICCIONI, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville on Nov. 10, 1918, with Sgt. Sloeum, Cpls. Van Loon and Eakin, Pvts. Dillion and Kirby, established themselves on the objective on right of line. Due to opposition the left of the line was held up for a time. Upon a call for volunteers these men responded and swept down toward the left flank along the objective, destroying one machine gun post and forcing the other to retire. This permitted the left to advance and the whole line to consolidate. They killed 8 Germans in these two posts.

PVT. WM. T. ROSELLE (Deceased), Company B, 131st Infantry. In the action west of the Meuse, Sept. 26, 1918, when his platoon was held up by two .77 field pieces protected by a machine gun firing point blank, he with two comrades charged this battery by short rushes, with utter disregard of personal safety, put the machine gun out of action, killed the crew and captured the field pieces.

PVT. MAX M. ROY, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Sgt. Memmon, and Pvts. Fino, Wilcox and Larson, after reaching objective, went beyond in the valley to the right of the wood and captured a machine gun nest and four prisoners.

PVT. ADOLPH RUTZ, Company E, 131st Infantry. At Chipilly, Aug. 10, 1918, after his platoon commander was wounded, took command of the platoon, succeeded in reaching the objective, and single handed overcame an enemy sniper who was hindering the advance. He set an example of bravery to his men and saved many lives.

PVT. GEORGE SALISBURY, Company D. No citation available.

PVT. FRED SCHNITHEER, Company E, 131st Infantry. At Verdun, Sept. 26, 1918, while acting as a runner went through violent shell fire to find the company on the left, thereby showing gallantry and bravery to his comrades.

PVT. FRANCIS L. SOUTHERN, Machine Gun Company, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Chaume, Oct. 9, 10, 11, though wounded and gassed, refused to leave the line or his post until other wounded men had been taken out. He assisted in removing men from a gas filled trench.

PVT. HARRY STOKES, Company C, 131st Infantry. Battle of Gressaire Wood, Aug. 9, 1918. Distinguished himself in acting as company scout, boldly attacked and captured three German officers, after killing one that resisted. Sent the captured to rear and continued on his duties.

PVT. JERRY F. VANA, Company H. After the attack on Chipilly Ridge, on Aug. 9, 1918, Pvt. Vana, being the only Lewis gunner left, used two automatic rifles off and on which caused the failure of an enemy counter attack. After dark he volunteered as one of a raiding party which captured three enemy field pieces and brought in prisoners. His part in the raid was the killing of two of the enemy with a pistol and overtaking and capturing an officer that attempted to run away. His conduct throughout the entire engagement was of the utmost devotion to duty and he showed an utter disregard of danger.

PVT. GARRETT VANDERLEE, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, in company with Cpl. Brockman and Pvts. Hoban and Van Winkle, did attack a machine gun nest killing all of the enemy. Pvt. Vanderlee's automatic rifle was disabled, yet he continued to advance and with his comrades accounted for all of the enemy.

PVT. VICTOR VANYEK, Company H, 131st Infantry. On Sept. 26, 1918, although twice wounded painfully, Pvt. Vanyek continued to advance, saying that he was needed in the lines. He continued till he was too weak to walk on account of the loss of blood, when he lay down for a while and rested, then managed to walk back to the aid station, refusing aid from the stretcher bearers, saying that others needed them worse than he did. His fortitude and devotion to duty set an excellent example for his comrades.

PVT. COMMODORE VAN WINKLE, Company M, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, in company with Cpl. Brockman, Pvts. Hoban and Vanderlee did attack a machine gun nest, killing all the enemy. The carriers followed up, filling elips and cutting wire while advancing under heavy fire.

PVT. RICHARD B. WELCH, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Gressaire Wood, August 10, he with five of his comrades volunteered and went forward, taking up a position under terrific shell fire, which afforded little or no protection. They remained there until orders came from their commander to withdraw to some natural cover.

PVT. HENRY WHITE, Company B. Near Consenvoye, France, Oct. 10, 1918, Pvt. White, a stretcher bearer, calmly, methodically and with utter disregard for his own safety, collected the wounded under shell fire and carried them through a wood full of snipers, continuing on duty for sixty hours.

PVT. FRANK J. WILCOX, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Sgt. Lemmon and Pvts. Fino, Ray, and Larson, after reaching objective went beyond in the valley to the right of wood and captured a machine gun post and four prisoners.

PVT. IGNATZ WUNK, Company L, 131st Infantry. At Bois de Harville, Nov. 10, 1918, with Sergt. Geo. A. Grotty and Pvts. Neazbe and Carroway, advanced beyond their platoon and succeeded in capturing a machine gun crew, which threatened the lives of many of their comrades.

CHAPTER XIII

INFORMATION REGARDING OFFICERS AND MEN KILLED IN ACTION, ETC.

Ahlborg, 1386606, Pvt. Harold G., Co. B. Information given by John H. Fichter Jr., Cpl. Co. B; Samuel Knill, Bugler Co. B.

Accidentally shot by a revolver which one of the men in his squad was cleaning at the time. Died at Pierregot, France, July 21, 1918. Buried at Montigny Communal cemetery, July 22, 1918.

Albrecht, 2063296, Pvt. Irwin C., Co. G. Information given by Clarence D. Hansel, Pvt. Co. G.

I saw Pvt. Albrecht when he was hit by a machine gun bullet at the battle of Chipilly Ridge, Aug. 9, 1918. This happened about 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The bullet entered his heart and killed him instantly.

Allen, 1387697, Sgt. William B., Co. G. Information given by Cpl. Arlie J. Wheaton, Co. G.

I was about five feet from Sgt. Allen when he was hit in the hip by a machine gun bullet at Chipilly Ridge on Aug. 9, 1918, about 6 in the afternoon. When hit by the bullet in the hip Sgt. Allen did not fall, but started to limp back to the first aid station, crying out to Lt. Lee, platoon leader, "I got it." He had gone but a few yards toward the rear when a high explosive shell burst about twenty yards from him and a fragment hit him in the face. He fell and died instantly. We had to leave him, as we were advancing to the attack.

Allison, 1387501, Cpl. Lyman J., Co. F. Information given by Carl T. Haugen, Pvt. Co. F.

I was a member of Cpl. Allison's squad at the Chipilly Ridge battle. He was shot through the stomach by a machine gun bullet about 5:30 p. m., Aug. 9, 1918. I was right next to him when he was shot. He said, "I am dying." Then, "Loosen my belt." I had to continue on then, so I left him. This was the last time I saw him.

Anderson, 2152709, Pvt. Arthur, Co. A. Information given by Ralph Shafton, Pvt. 1st Co. A.

On Nov. 10, 1918, our company was in the front line in the Bois les Hautes Epines. At 2:30 p. m. on that day we were ordered to attack Bertaucourt farm. Pvt. Arthur Anderson and I were stretcher bearers, and we went with the company carrying our stretcher. When we reached the arch in front of Bertaucourt farm the enemy swept the ground around us with machine gun bullets, so we jumped into a shell hole for protection. Anderson was carrying his slicker on his cartridge belt. He decided to put his slicker on, and while raising up to put it on was hit in the heart by a machine gun bullet. He fell back into my arms and died instantly without speaking a word or making a sound of any kind. The next day, November 11, after hostilities had ceased, some other men and I went out to the shell hole, put Anderson's body on a stretcher and carried it back to Bois les Hautes Epines, and the next day he was buried by Divisional burial officer.

Anderson, 2061257, Pvt. Ewald L., Co. A. Information given by John J. Maher, Pvt. 1cl. Co. A.

On Aug. 9, 1918, this company took part in the Somme offensive. About 5 p. m. on that day we were advancing through Malard Wood. Ewald L. Anderson was running beside me. I heard him cry out, stopped, and found that he had been hit in the leg with a machine gun bullet. While I was bandaging his leg he was again hit by a machine gun bullet, this time in the neck. He died almost instantly. He did not say anything after he was hit in the leg or before he died.

Anderson, 1387538, Pvt. Theodore E., Co. F. Information given by Edwin F. Elke, Cpl. Co. F.

Anderson and myself were in the same platoon. He was instantly killed at battle of Chipilly Ridge by a shell. He was only about twenty-five yards from me when he was struck.

Andreasen, 1386798, Omar A., Pvt. 1cl. Co. C. Information given by Charles O. Baptista, 1st Sgt. Co. C.

Soldier was wounded in the action east bank of the Meuse on Oct. 10, 1918. Was reported as having died in hospital from wounds, per letter Regt. hq., March 5, 1919. Buried at Sononecourt (Meuse), France, Grave No. 151, Plot 3, Section A.

Arthur, 3166266, Pvt. Osie E., Co. F. Information given by Michael L. Connelly, Bugler Co. F.

Arthur and myself were in the same squad. On Oct. 10, 1918, we were engaged in the Meuse-Argonne action, near Consenvoye. We were lying in a shell hole together when he was struck in the jaw and knee by machine bullets. He did not seem to be dangerously wounded. I pulled him down the hill to a sheltered place and the stretcher bearers carried him off. His only words were: "Shorty, I got it."

Averse, 2097829, Pvt. John, Co. H. Information given by Joseph M. Butler, Sgt. Co. H.

John Averse was killed on Nov. 7, 1918, while out on patrol. He was struck by shrapnel and his last words were: "Tell my mother I died game." This was near St. Hilaire, France.

Backstrom, 1386523, Sgt. Robert E., Co. B. Information given by Jackson J. Sells, Sgt. Co. B.; Hubert Monzel, Pvt. Co. B.

Hit under the arm by a stray bullet on Sept. 26, 1918, near Gercourt, France. Died while being carried off the battlefield.

Bailes, 3490290, Pvt. James T., Co. E. Information given by Ralph W. Haupt, Pvt. Co. E.

Killed at Forges Stream, Sept. 26, 1918, by shell fire. He was ahead of me and was one of the three killed by one shell. He was struck in the abdomen. I gave him water and he told me to get into shelter before I was hit.

Information given by Will J. Williams, Pvt. 1cl. Co. E.

Pvt. Bailes was in the same squad as I on the morning of September 26, and when we reached the swamp a piece of shrapnel hit a grenade that he had in his pocket, wounding him severely. He died on the way to the first aid station. He was buried at Gloria, near Verdun.

Baker, 2866767, Pvt. Joseph, Co. K. Information given by Alvin W. Epperson, Cpl. Co. K.

Pvt. Baker and Pvt. Civils were both killed by the same shell during the Argonne-Meuse offensive on Oct. 8, 1918. Their bodies were removed to the first aid station at Drillencourt.

Baker, 2205621, Lee M., Pvt. Co. G. Information as to.

Died in hospital.

Baltimore, 1388119, Pvt. Herman, Co. I. Information given by Stanley Cinkus, Pvt. 1cl. Co. I.

During the attack, Oct. 10, 1918, on the east bank of the Meuse about 2 p. m., we had reached our objective. I was directly in rear of Pvt. Baltimore, about fifty yards, when a high explosive shell exploded between him and another man. After the shell exploded I saw Pvt. Baltimore fall to the ground, face down. I noticed that his face was covered with blood, but owing to the terrific shell fire at that time was unable to reach him. A few minutes later I assisted another wounded man back to the first aid station and never saw him again.

Barr, 1387534, Pvt. 1cl. Malvin A., Co. F. Information given by Archie R. Timblin, Cpl. Co. F.

We were with the Australians near Villers Brettanoux, just getting ready to go into the trenches. We had just drawn our rations and were putting them away in our packs when a shell broke a few feet away, wounding several men. Barr was struck by a fragment in the small of the back. He was unable to speak after being wounded. He was given first aid at the Australian station near by and carried to a hospital. He died several days later.

Beale, 2170929, Pvt. Thomas V., Co. K. Information given by Euther Brannum, Pvt. Co. K.

Pvt. Beale was killed by shrapnel on Oct. 1, 1918, during the Argonne-Meuse offensive. His body was removed to Drillencourt. I do not know whether he was buried there or not.



AMERICAN SECTION OF VAUX CEMETERY

Beauvais, 2d Lt. Walter V., Co. I. Information given by Lester Greengard, Pvt. 1cl. Co. I.

On the afternoon of Nov. 10, 1918, during the attack just outside the town of Doncourt Lt. Beauvais and I were walking through the Bois d'Harville. We came upon wire entanglements, and having no wire cutters Lt. Beauvais went to the right and I to the left, looking for a passage. When we were about forty feet apart we both found a passage and cleared the wire. After we cleared the wire I turned to look at him and saw him drop. I ran over and looked at him, but he was already dead. He had been struck directly in the heart.

Bednockowicz, 2077919, Cpl. Leo, Co. H. Information given by Lous Krogmann, Cpl. Co. H.

Bednockowicz was killed by a machine gun bullet while on patrol at Chipilly Ridge, France, on the night of Aug. 9, 1918. He died instantly.

Behrentz, 1386510, Sgt. Hilmar J., Co. B. Information given by Arthur Gunder-son, Sgt. Co. B.

Hit in stomach by a machine gun bullet and died instantly on Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France.

Bell, 1387337, Pvt. Leo, Co. E. Information given by William H. Thomas, Pvt. Sp. Co.

I was right next to Bell when he was instantly killed by shrapnel from a shell that burst very close to him. No words were spoken by him. This happened July 4, 1918, at Hamel, France. Buried about 200 yards before the town of Hamel, France.

Bent, 1386541, Frank F., Cook Co. B. Information given by 131st Field Hospital.

Died of broncho-pneumonia bilateral on Feb. 28, 1919, at 131st Field Hospital, Echternach, Luxembourg. Buried at Echternach, Luxembourg, March 1, 1919.

Berg, 1388200, Sgt. Carl G., Co. K. Information given by John L. Hoerber, Sgt. Co. K.

My platoon was going up a sunken road towards Sivry-sur-Meuse during our attack of Oct. 10, 1918, about 7 a. m. Sgt. Berg and I were in the rear of the platoon about five paces apart, when a 5.9 H. E. shell struck in the middle of the road. We all fell to the ground. Sgt. Berg was hit in the back of the head and in the back. He cried "Oh," and became unconscious.

Information given by Vincent H. Kacinski, Pvt. 1cl. Co. K.

I knew Sgt. Berg very well, as he was a pal of mine in the company. I was in the 130th Field Hospital at Glorieux, near Verdun, France, when Sgt. Berg was brought into the ward in which I was helping the orderlies during my convalescence. His face was bandaged up so that I did not recognize him. He had shrapnel wounds in the back of his head. He could not talk, but wanted to speak to me, as he recognized me. I gave him some water a few times, but did not recognize him. I went out to lunch and I asked one of the boys who this patient was, and he told me it was Sgt. Berg of my company. I finished mess and went back to see him, but he had died in the meantime and had been taken out. I saw him, however, while the surgeon was taking off his bandages and recognized him.

Berg, 1386260, Sgt. Robert A., Co. A. Information given by Joseph Falso, Pvt. 1cl. Co. A.

On Aug. 9, 1918, while advancing through Malard Wood I was in Sgt. Berg's platoon. About 5:30 p. m. on that day the German machine guns began to sweep the ground around us with a most terrific fire. Sgt. Berg immediately jumped up and started to lead us to a position with more protection than the one which



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we had been occupying. While leading us he was hit in the head with a machine gun bullet and died instantly. He did not speak after he was hit.

Bernhardt, 1386364, Cpl. Joseph, Co. A. Information given by Roy P. Meyers, Pvt. 1cl., Co. A.

On Oct. 9, 1918, this company was in reserve in Forges Wood, near the Meuse river. We had received news that we were to cross the Meuse river that evening. About 1 p. m. the squad leaders were ordered to the ammunition dump to draw cartridges for their squads. We were standing there waiting for our supply. In the meantime a German aeroplane flew over the woods. Our anti-aircraft guns fired on the aeroplane, and the nose-cap from one of our anti-aircraft shells fell, hitting Cpl. Bernhardt on the helmet, crashing through the helmet and crushing his skull. He fell to the ground unconscious. We at once put him on a stretcher and started to carry him to the first aid station, but he died before we got him there. He did not say anything when he was hit, and did not regain consciousness before he died.

Biertya, 2086861, Pvt. Michael, Co. M.

Eye witnesses of the death of Pvt. Michael Biertya cannot be found. Current opinion is as follows: He was killed by machine gun fire during the advance through the Bois de Warville on the afternoon of Nov. 10, 1918.

Billmeyer, 1388367, Pvt. 1cl. Clarence A., Co. L. Information given by Oscar Wagoner, Pvt. Co. L.

On the night of Oct. 5, 1918, while holding the line on the east bank of the Meuse river a gas shell from the German lines came into a concrete dugout in which Pvt. Billmeyer was quartered. Pvt. Billmeyer had just come from his turn at gas guard at 12 midnight and awoke everybody in the dugout, explaining that Jerry was starting to send over gas. At the time the shell entered the dugout Pvt. Billmeyer was standing besides a table talking to a comrade. The shell struck the table, fractured Pvt. Billmeyer's leg and so stunned him that he did not put his gas mask on. The gas was very dense liquid, being splashed about the room, and although Pvt. Billmeyer was helped out almost immediately and given first aid by a medical man from a first aid station, which was just a few rods away, the gas must have caused his death, for a hospital report received later stated that he died on the way there.

Bixler, 1388209, Cpl. Wallace M., Co. K. Information given by Max Lewis, Pvt. Co. K.

Cpl. Bixler was wounded at Albert, France, July 24, 1918, and died in the hospital as a result of his wounds July 28, 1918. He was wounded by H. E. shell fragments in both legs. He was carried to the first aid station and later died in the hospital. There were two shell holes in the side of the trench, one a little bigger than the other. I happened to be walking by and remarked to him that there was a pretty nice hole right by there, and just as I had passed on a shell landed on the opposite side of the trench and wounded both Cpl. Bixler and Pvt. Nelson, who were in the shell holes.

Black, 1387700, Pvt. Walter A., Co. G. No information.

Boswell, 1388628, Pvt. Harold, Co. M. Information given by Edward Quigley, Pvt. Co. M.

Pvt. Boswell was a member of a detail from Co. M. attached to Co. F, 131st Infantry, for duty in the Hamel fight. While a member of a working party resting in the outskirts of Corbie, France, waiting for darkness to fall, he was struck in the side by a shell fragment. The last words I heard him say were, "Jesus, I am hit." He was soon taken to a first aid station.

Bower, 1386302, Herman, Jr., Co. A. Information given by Harry Powers, 1st Sgt. Co. A.

On Nov. 22, 1918, while company was stationed at Hannonville, France, Herman Bower was evacuated to the hospital by Capt. Pease, M. C., account of having influenza. This organization has never received official notification of his death.

Brazil, 2088886, Pvt. Robert E., Co. M. Information given by Edward Hartman, Pvt. Co. M.

Pvt. Brazil was killed almost instantly by the direct hit of a shell on the morning of Aug. 17, 1918. He was a member of a party doing outpost duty near town of Bray, France, on the Somme front.

Brooks, 1387344, Pvt. Charles, Co. E. Information given by William E. Schneider, Sgt. Co. E.

I was alongside of Brooks when he was killed instantly by shell fire. He only groaned when hit. This was in the Mort Homme action, Sept. 26, 1918. Buried at Forges.

Brust, 1388016, Sgt. Warren H., Co. I. Information given by Archie Lofland Jr., Cpl. Co. I.

Sgt. Warren Brust was gassed in action, Aug. 10, 1918, and evacuated to hospital unknown to me. When I was returning from a hospital I met Sgt. Brust in Eu, France, during the latter part of September. He had also been evacuated from the hospital and was returning to the company. At Eu Sgt. Brust was placed in charge of some casuals, of whom I was one. We entrained at Eu, and in returning to the company Sgt. Brust complained to me of a fever. When the train stopped at a town (I believe it was Chalons-sur-Marne) I went to a hospital with Sgt. Brust. This was a French hospital, and after being examined there he was placed on another train and sent to some American hospital unknown to me. As my train was delayed there for several hours I stayed with Sgt. Brust until his train left. I never saw him again.

Bublis, 1386868, Pvt. Frank D., Co. C.

Pvt. Bublis was killed during the Somme offensive on Aug. 10, 1918, in front of Etinehem. No eye witnesses are present for duty with the company at the present time.

Buchanan, 2967602, Pvt. Levy A., Co. G. Information given by Theodore C. Thomas, Pvt. Co. G.

In the attack on Bois de Warville, Nov. 10, 1918, we had retired to our trenches, where we had started the attack, and about three hours later, around 9 o'clock in the evening, the Germans began shelling our position. Pvt. Buchanan was lying down about twenty-five feet from me. A high explosive shell hit him, mangling his body and killing him instantly, as well as a comrade, John Karel. Dazed myself, I went over to the boys, but nothing could be done for them.

Buchman, 1386366, Pvt. Sam, Co. A. Information given by Robert M. Dilger, Pvt. 1st Co. A.

On Oct. 10, 1918, we took part in the Bois de Chaume and Bois du Plat Chene offensive. About 8 a. m. we started up the hill to our final objective. The enemy shot many shells into the valley. One of these landed a few feet behind Buchman, taking off one of his legs and mangling the other so that it was hanging by the skin. His face was black from the powder of the shell. We placed him on a stretcher and started to carry him to the rear, but he died in a few minutes. Except for crying for help, he did not speak after he was hit, until he died.

Bugala, 1387832, Pvt. Stanley F., Co. H. Information given by Herbert E. Hall, Pvt. 1st Co. H.

Bugala was hit by a machine gun bullet through the heart and died instantly while advancing on a sniper at Chipilly Ridge, France, Aug. 9, 1918.

Bumgarner, 3169738, Pvt. Basil, Co. D. Information given by Walter G. Peabody, Sgt. Co. D.

Pvt. Bumgarner was hit by a machine gun bullet on Oct. 10, 1918, about 6:15 a. m. He was given first aid treatment, but died shortly after.



GERMAN PRISONERS UNDER GUARD OF BRITISH SOLDIERS COMPLETING THE BURIAL OF JOHN S. MURRAY, CO. G

Burdick, 1386802, Pvt. 1cl. Elmer F., Co. C. Information given by Charles O. Baptista, 1st Sgt. Co. C.

Soldier went to the hospital slightly gassed after the action east bank of the Meuse on Oct. 10, 1918. He was reported as having died in hospital from wounds, per letter Reg. hdq., March 5, 1919. Buried at Rimancourt, Haute (Marne), France, in American cemetery, Grave No. 319.

Burkhart, 1977943, Pvt. Bradley, Co. M. Information given by John Murray, Sgt. Co. M.

About 11 p. m. on the night of June 30, 1918, at Pierregot, France, Pvt. Burkhardt was hit by a fragment of a bomb dropped by a German aviator. He was doing guard duty at the time. He was carried to the hospital immediately, but died soon afterwards, never regaining consciousness.

Burkhart, 1386622, Pvt. Edward J., Co. B. No information.

Burrows, 2157895, Pvt. Leonard A., Co. D.

Pvt. Burrows was killed Oct. 10, 1918, at Bois de Chaume.

Burson, 1388765, Pvt. Leon S., Medical Detachment. Information given by Frederick E. Hofmann, Pvt. Co. B.

It was on Aug. 15, 1918, at a Red Cross station in a quarry between Chipilly Ridge and Eitnehem at about 8 p. m. Burson was standing talking to a group of Americans and Australians when a shell came over and landed within fifteen feet of the crowd, instantly killing Burson and an Australian.

Butch, 1977848, Pvt. 1cl. Glenn, Co. M. Information given by Richard H. Buvens, Jr., 2d Lt. 131 Infantry.

Eye witnesses of the death of Pvt. Glenn Butch cannot be found. Current opinion is as follows: Butch was killed on Aug. 9, 1918, by machine gun fire. His death occurred in Gressaire Wood, Somme.

Callahan, 1386547, Mech. Dennis J., Co. B. Information given by Van Walker Peterson, Sgt. Co. B.; Arthur Gunderson, Sgt. Co. B.

Reported missing in action for five days. Found near Consenvoye, France, on field with machine gun bullet through body, Oct. 10, 1918.

Carlson, 1388375, Pvt. Gunner C., Co. L. Information given by Cecil E. Hartman, Pvt. Co. L.

During the east bank of the Meuse engagement Oct. 10, 1918, and while pushing forward in Bois de Chaume near Sivry, France, a very heavy enemy bombardment fell in our midst. The first of this shelling caused Carlson's injury, and being too badly hurt to seek possible cover, the later shells caused his death. This was also the fate of two other men that I know of, and in all the bodies were badly shell torn by shell fragments and shrapnel.

Carpenter, 2969026, Pvt. Charles C., Co. C. Information given by Norman Pattison, Cpl. Co. C.

During the Meuse-Argonne offensive, in the action east of the Meuse, on October 10, our company had occupied a position on the bald hill about a kilometer north of the Bois Plat Chene. At about 11 in the morning Pvt. Carpenter and myself were looking through the Bois Plat Chene for wounded. Pvt. Carpenter was about twenty yards ahead of me when two Germans jumped out of the bushes and shot him through the leg. They took his gas mask and got away. I obtained aid and carried Carpenter to a dugout at the edge of the woods, where two German doctors were dressing wounded, where I left him. When I returned from carrying wounded to the rear early next morning I found that Pvt. Carpenter had died. Some of the other wounded men who were in the dugout stated that he died the night before.



GRAVE OF CAPT. HACKETT, VAUX CEMETERY

Carqueville, 1388566, Pvt. Ralph O., Co. M. Information given by Edward F. Hamilton, 2d Lieut. Co. M.

Wounded in action Sept. 26, 1918, by machine gun bullet. Date of death unknown, but his grave was seen at Allerey, France, by Sgt. Martyn S. Baker, of this company.

Carroll, 1388578, Pvt. Edward J., Co. M. Information given by Edward F. Hamilton, 2d Lieut. Co. M.

Pvt. Edward J. Carroll, was sent to hospital sick on Oct. 11, 1918. We have never received notice of his death, but his grave was seen by Sgt. Martyn S. Baker at Allerey, France, and date of death was given as Nov. 10, 1918.

Carter, 2868643, Pvt. Alonzo, Co. A. Information given by Walter G. Rigby, Pvt. Co. A.

During the offensive on Bois de Chaume and Bois de Plat Chene on Oct. 10, 1918, Pvt. Alonzo Carter and I were runners at battalion headquarters. After the battalion had reached its objective on that day about 8 a. m. Pvt. Carter was sent out with a message to Co. C and that was the last I ever saw of him. I later heard he was hit with a shell fragment near Co. C's headquarters and died almost immediately.

Cassidy, 3171730, Pvt. Mike E., Co. L.

Wounded Oct. 11, 1918. Died in field hospital Oct. 15, 1918. No statement obtainable at the present time.

Cathelyn, 1387745, Mell, Pvt. Co. G. No information.

Cekowski, 1386627, Pvt. Ignatz, Co. B. Information given by John H. Fichter Jr., Cpl. Co. B.

Killed instantly by a bursting shell on Oct. 10, 1918, at Consenvoye, France.

Charleson, 1386372, Pvt. Edward, Co. A. Information given by Joseph Falco, Pvt. 1st Co. A.

On Aug. 9, 1918, this company was taking part in the Somme offensive. We were advancing through Malard Woods. Charleson was about fifteen feet away

from me. I happened to be looking his way and saw him hit by a machine gun bullet. The bullet went through his heart and by the time that I reached him he was dead. This was about 5:30 p. m. Death was instantaneous.

Cherichetti, 1387841, Pvt. Frank, Co. H. Information given by Ralph J. Walkoe, Sgt. Co. H.

Cherichetti was struck while on a ration detail by shrapnel and died instantly. He was with his buddie, Kramer, in a knee deep trench. Both were hit by the same shell and both died at the same time. This happened on Aug. 11, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France.

Cherry, 3256038, Pvt. John, Co. M. Information given by Edward F. Hamilton, 2d. Lieut. Co. M.

Pvt. John Cherry was wounded in action by shrapnel on Oct. 14, 1918. No member of company present at this time saw the accident nor talked to soldier after same took place. This company has never received notice from any hospital of his admittance.

Chwaiko, 2061295, Pvt. John, Co. D. Information given by A. J. Brown, Hdqrs. Co.

Pvt. Chwaiko was killed Sept. 26, 1918, about 6:30 a. m. while carrying ammunition for the trench mortar detachment. While waiting for the time to come to go forward in a trench the enemy artillery opened with a counter barrage, and a shell landed in the trench, killing Pvt. Chwaiko instantly.

Cleary, 1388941, Pvt. James, Co. F. No information.

Ciaccio, 1386374, Pvt. Gasper, Co. A. Information given by Max Kabin, Pvt. 1cl. Co. A.

We were sleeping in a dugout on the Meuse river right across the river from the town of Consenvoye. On Oct. 2, 1918, the enemy started a heavy shelling. One of the shells made a direct hit on the dugout in which we were sleeping. I was sleeping on the ground under a bunk. Pvts. Ciaccio and Neal were sleeping in the bunk. As soon as the shell hit we were buried under the ground and I could feel someone's blood dripping down on my face. A few minutes later our comrades dug us out, and Ciaccio was dead when his body was unearthed.

Civils, 2860417, Pvt. John W., Co. K. Information given by Alvin W. Epperson, Cpl. Co. K.

Pvt. Civils and Pvt. Baker were both killed by the same shell during the Argonne-Meuse offensive on Oct. 8, 1918. Their bodies were removed to the first aid station at Drillencourt.

Clemenson, 1387333, Pvt. Otto C., Co. E. Information given by Victor E. Moe, Sgt. Co. E.

He was killed at Chipilly Ridge on Aug. 9, 1918, about 6 p. m. He was hit by rifle fire or machine gun fire. The bullet entered his body between the shoulder blades. He was unconscious and died a few minutes later, making no statement.

Cope, 1387539, Cpl. Laverne G., Co. F. Information given by Joseph C. Ihde, Sgt. Co. F.

Cpl. Laverne G. Cope was killed at Chipilly Ridge Aug. 9, 1918, about 5 p. m. We were going forward to the attack and were about 350 yards from our objective. Cpl. Cope was about twenty yards to my left. I saw him struck by a shell on the head. He was instantly killed.

Danczyk, 2059121, Cpl. Edward M., Machine Gun Co. Information given by Grover D. Smythe, Sgt. Machine Gun Co.

Killed instantly about 4:30 p. m., Oct. 11, 1918, while on duty at gun position, southeast of Bois de Chaume. Direct hit by H. E. shell. Body was taken to Con-

senvoye by detail under charge of Sgt. Grove D. Smythe, and delivered to chaplain, 2nd Battalion, 131st Infantry, for burial on the morning of Oct. 13, 1918. It was in our gun position in the trench just southeast of the Bois de Chaume. I was in command of the gun team adjoining that of Cpl. Danezyk, and was only about twenty feet from him when he was killed. The bombardment was very heavy at this time, and one 5.9-inch H. E. shell lit directly in Cpl. Danezyk's gun position, destroying the gun and wounding several men. Cpl. Danezyk was struck in the arm, chest and head and instantly killed. His body was taken to company headquarters the same night after the wounded had been taken out. I personally asked for and was given permission to take care of his body, and on the morning of October 13 I had it carried to Consenvoye, where I gave it in charge of the chaplain, 2nd Battalion, 131st Infantry, for proper burial.

Davis, 1977690, Pvt. Ben M., Co. L. Information given by Harold J. Stevlingson, Cpl. Co. L.

Pvt. Davis, of Co. L. 131st Infantry, who on October 9 returned from hospital, went into action on the following day, east bank of the Meuse action. We reached our objective early in the day and started to dig in a small trench for protection from enemy machine gun fire, when suddenly a large shell lit a few yards from us, and a fragment from the shell lodging in his neck caused death instantly.

D'Avolio, 2061198, Pvt. Guerrini, Co. K. Information given by John J. King, Cpl. Co. K.

Pvt. D'Avolio was killed by a shell on the morning of July 4, 1918, during the attack on Hamel, France. At the time he was attached to a squad of Co. E, which was the next squad on my left. I did not see him killed. However, after



GRAVE OF LT. DICKSON, VAUX CEMETERY

the action I saw his equipment, also letters and personal effects and I know it to be a fact that he was killed. From what I was able to learn, after the action from the only survivor of his squad, a shell exploded right in the midst of the squad, killing all but one man.

Dax, 1387531, Pvt. Frank J., Co. F. Information given by Joseph C. Ihde, Sgt. Co. F.

Frank Dax was a member of my squad. We started out together. He was about ten or fifteen yards from me. About 5:30 p. m. Aug. 9, 1918, a shell made a direct hit on him. He was instantly killed.

Dean, 2077938, Pvt. Shirl E., Co. K. Information given by Oscar W. Wagner, Cpl. Co. K.

Pvt. Dean was killed about 6 a. m. Aug. 12, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France, by a fragment of shell. His body was removed from the trench to Company Headquarters, about 700 yards to the rear and buried there. He was killed instantly. I have seen his grave which is marked with a cross with his name on it. It also has a border of stones around the sides.

Deasey, 2061894, Pvt. Hubert A., Co. F. Information given by John E. Gronau, Cpl. Co. F.

Hubert Deasey was killed about 6 p. m. Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge. We had reached our objective and stopped. Deasey and I were together. It was a hot day and as he wiped the perspiration from his face he said: "It's a grand life, Jack." About this time we found a wounded Tommy. While we were fixing him up he told us about an abandoned machine gun left by the Germans a short distance ahead, Deasey volunteered to go get it to use in case of a counter attack. He had only gone a few yards when he was shot through the head and died instantly. He was killed by a sniper who was hidden nearby. We later got the sniper.

Deerin, 1977501, Pvt. John W., Co. F. No information.

Devaney, 1st Lt. Frank, Co. B. Information given by Sidney C. Maguire, Sgt. Co. B.; Walter Stewart, Cpl. Co. B.

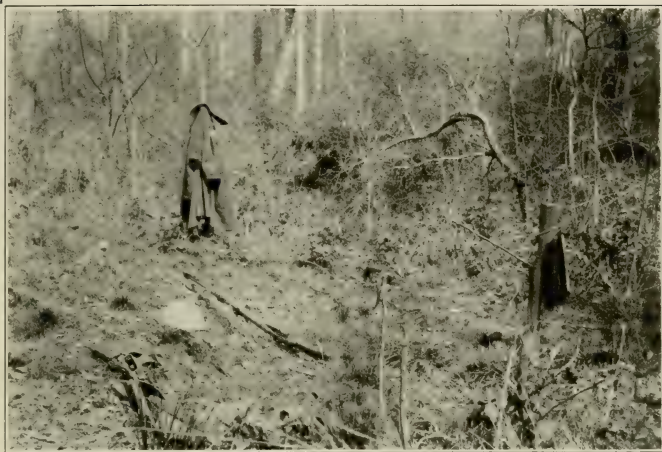
Shot through back by a machine gun bullet while giving orders to his platoon at Chipilly Ridge, France, on Aug. 9, 1918. Died a few moments later on the battlefield. His last words were: "I want the names of those wounded."

Dickson, 1st Lt. Harrison A., Co. F. Information given by Garrett Mock, 1st Sgt. Co. F.

On the night of Aug. 9, 1918, while we were advancing at Chipilly Ridge Lieut. Dickson and I were together. Our advance was stopped by some enemy machine gun fire. We dropped into shell holes. After about two minutes the firing ceased and Lieut. Dickson who was in the next hole to me, said: "Shall we continue, Mock." I said, "All right let's go." We started to arise in the holes and as he did so a machine gun bullet hit him. I shook him and called his name, but he did not answer. I tore his clothes open and found that he was shot through the heart. He died instantly.

Dieterle, 1387851, Pvt. Michael H., Co. H. Information given by Joseph M. Butler, Sgt. Co. H.

Dieterle was hit by a machine gun bullet, through the head, while out on patrol on the east bank of the Meuse River near Consenvoye, France, on Oct. 9, 1918. His last words were "Oh, my God"!



GRAVE OF 131ST INFANTRY RATION PARTY KILLED IN GRESSAIRE WOOD

Dorman, 1387855, Sgt. Rilado E., Co. H. Information given by Wm. L. Zeeh, Cpl. Co. H.

I was with Sgt. Dorman at the time he was hit, Sept. 26, 1918. It was in the swamp just behind the trenches from where we started. His last words to me were: "Oh, my God, Zeeh, I am hit. Take my maps and compass and carry on." He was hit in the hand with a piece of shrapnel from a large shell.

Drisch, 1386796, Bugler Edward S., Co. C. Information given by Irwin E. Weil, Sgt. Co. C.

During the Meuse-Argonne offensive, on Sept. 26, 1918, our platoon, after advancing through the village of Gerecourt, had reached the narrow gauge railway depot, about 800 yards northeast of Gerecourt. At about this point Pvt. Lawrence G. Marks was wounded. Bugler Drisch knelt to give him first aid; when doing so, his forehead was pierced by a machine gun bullet coming from our right front. His death was almost instantaneous. He murmured "Mother" as he died.

Driscoll, 2058139, Pvt. Edward L., Co. G. Information given by John W. Minkner, Pvt. Co. G.

I was about four feet from Pvt. Driscoll, when he was hit by a machine gun bullet, Oct. 9, 1918, at about 7 o'clock in the morning, in the battle of Bois de Chaume (Argonne-Meuse offensive). We had "gone over the top" at 5:30 that morning. The bullet hit him in the temple. He immediately threw up his hands, and falling, died instantly. I looked at his body and finding him dead knew I could do nothing for him.

Dugan, 3168964, Pvt. Willis J., Co. F. Information given by William H. Harvey, Pvt. Co. F.

'On the night of Oct. 11, 1918, Co. F, we dug in about 2 kilos north of Consenvoye. We were shelled with gas all night and had to wear our masks. About

four or five o'clock in the morning a shell struck in the hole where Dugan and his squad were lying. Dugan was killed almost instantly. When daylight came I helped to carry him down the hill. He was buried near the place.

Dunlevy, 2315246, Cpl. James, Co. B. Information given by Ray Jones, Pvt. Co. B.

Accidentally killed while trying to board a moving train about Dec. 12, 1918. Place not known.

Duschanek, 1388389, Cpl. Anton, Co. L. Information given by Lige. Barker, Pvt. Co. L.

Cpl. Duschanek was hit in the action of the east bank of the Meuse, Oct. 10, 1918, in Bois de Chaume Valley, by fragments of a shell. He was hit in the leg, half way up from the knee. I helped to carry him to 1st aid station in Consenvoye, where a little later he died. The corporal asked to send his letters and some money order drafts to his mother, but I do not remember who did this.

Dynowski, 1387124, Pvt. Frank, Co. D. Information given by William Thompson, Cpl. Co. D.

Pvt. Dynowski was killed Oct. 9, 1918, at 6 p. m., near Consenvoye-sur-Meuse, while crossing the Meuse river, under heavy artillery fire. We were obliged to take advantage of whatever cover there was, and Pvt. Dynowski with Pvts. Ludzas and Gin, took cover in a shell hole. A shell landed in their midst killing Pvt. Dynowski instantly.

Eades, 2nd Lieut. David Oliver, Co. E. Information given by Carl O. Peterson, Cpl. Co. E.

Killed at Chipilly Ridge on Aug. 9, 1918, about 5:45 p. m. He was killed by machine gun fire, bullet penetrating his breast in left side. He was killed instantly. Buried in Vaux cemetery.

Eagle, 1387276, Cpl. Clarence E., Co. E. Information given by Edgar M. Morris, Sgt. Co. E.

Eagle was wounded and went back a way to a shell hole and I believe he was killed by rifle bullet while sitting there, as later I saw him with bullet hole through his head. Chipilly Ridge, Aug. 9, 1918.

Eastlick, 1387362, Pvt. Fred, Co. E. Information given by Fred Niemezski, Pvt. Co. E.

Killed at Chipilly Aug. 9, 1918, by a machine gun bullet, through the stomach. I was next to him when he was struck. He said: "I've got hit." He did not die for some time. He asked me to write his home and tell how he died.

Eckman, 1387543, Pvt. John C., Co. F. Information given by James J. Washa, Sgt. Co. F.

He was just behind me at the start of the attack, 5:30 a. m., Sept. 26, 1918, near Drillancourt, France. He was shot through the heart by machine gun bullet and died instantly.

Erlandson, 1388643, Pvt. John Herman, Co. M. Information given by O'Keefe, 1st Sgt., Co. M.

Pvt. Erlandson was killed instantly by the concussion of a shell. It occurred on the morning of Oct. 14, 1918. We were at that time in the trenches, in rear of Consenvoye, France. He was preparing his breakfast at the time.

Esser, 2826108, Pvt. Warner J., Co. F. Information given by George L. Schneider, Pvt. Co. F.

Warner J. Esser and I were in the same platoon. We started for our objective about daybreak, and shortly after I lost sight of him on account of a heavy fog, this being the last I saw of him. I received letters from his parents ask-



EITNEHEM CEMETERY, WHERE THREE MEN OF 131ST INF. ARE BURIED

ing me for information regarding his death, this being the first I knew he had been killed; so I thought I would try and obtain some information, and put an ad in the New York Herald, of anyone knowing the whereabouts of the party in question, and the inclosed letter will give you full details. (This letter is a true copy of the letter received from Marean.) This is all the information I am able to obtain.

Harville (Meuse). March 31, 1919.

George L. Schneider, Co. F.

Dear Sir: While examining an old issue of the N. Y. Herald, I saw an item requesting news of Warner Esser. Beside the road in the edge of a nearby town, there is the grave of Warner J. Esser, U. S. A., No. 2826108. No other information is given.

Whether this is the party of whom you seek news I cannot say, but am sending you this information which may possibly clear up some points of which you are in doubt. This grave is at the lower end of Butgnville, en Woivre (Meuse), right-hand side of road, leading to St. Hilaire-Harville, on Route Nationale, No. 3. Is the largest place near here on the direct road leading from Verdun. Mars la Tour (Meurthe et Moselle), which is on the Lorraine border. If you have a map, Carter's Campbell, No. 7, the above-mentioned places may be located, or any other road map showing the regions in the Dept. of the Meuse. If you were in the fighting around Fresnes St. Hilaire, Maizeray, Pintheville or Butgnville, you will have a good idea of this locality.

I understand plans are under way to remove the American dead to other cemeteries, so it is probable that these American graves may not remain very long. If you wish to communicate with me and are unable to get me through the A. E. F., address me as follows: R. S. Marean, Hubbardston, Mass. A. S. Marean, B. Co., 23rd Engs., A. E. F. France.

Evans, 1375711, Pvt. Edward, Co. B. No information.

Fardy, 1386311, Pvt. James D., Co. A. Information given by Floyd F. Hayhurst, Cpl. Co. A.

On Aug. 9, 1918, this company took part in the Somme offensive. While advancing through Malard Woods, we received a most terrific machine gun fire from the enemy, and during this, all the non-commissioned officers in the platoon were either killed or wounded. The platoon was in a very dangerous position, and it was growing more dangerous every minute, so Pvt. Fardy sprang ahead, took command of the platoon, and while leading his men to safety, was himself hit by a machine gun bullet in the heart. He dropped to the ground and by the time that I reached him, he was dead.

Fasse, 1387755, Pvt. Albert, Co. G. No information.

Fegan, 2077963, Pvt. Patrick F., Co. G. No information.

Ferkins, 1386271, Cpl. Benjamin, Co. A. Information given by Levi S. Speck, Pvt. Co. A.

During the Somme offensive on Aug. 9, 1918, this company was advancing through Malard Woods. We were subjected to a terrific machine gun fire from the enemy, during which the sergeants in command of the platoon were killed. Cpl. Ferkins at once took command and while leading the platoon to a place of safety, he was hit in the leg with a machine gun bullet. While bandaging up his leg, he was hit by a splinter of shrapnel in the chest. He shouted for help, but aside from that said nothing before he died a few minutes later.

Finerty, 1387306, Pvt. Thomas, Co. E. Information given by Virgil E. Code, 2nd Lt. Co. E.

Finerty was wounded and evacuated to a British hospital where it was later learned (unofficially), he died of wounds. He was dropped from the rolls of this company as "Absent, sick." This was the Chipilly Ridge action, Aug. 9, 1918.

Fingal, 1388393, Pvt. Albin, Co. L. Information given by Harold E. Stavers, Sgt. Co. L.

Albin Fingal was hit about 2 o'clock, Oct. 10, 1918, by shrapnel from a shell bursting about ten feet away. One leg was blown off and one large piece of shrapnel lodged in his back, which was the cause of his death. He died on a stretcher about an hour after being hit. When hit, he was in a shallow trench with company, about two miles east of Consenvoye. When last seen he was on a stretcher on which he died, at edge of woods about one mile east of Consenvoye. Fingal was conscious up to the moment he died. The shell that struck him also wounded eighteen. Fingal was in great pain and he kept on saying: "I'm going to die, kill me."

Fitzwilliams, 2081189, Pvt. Walter, Co. H. Information given by Edwin A. Nelson, Pvt. 1st Co. H.

Fitzwilliams was killed by shrapnel while lying in a low trench at Chipilly Ridge, France. He died instantly. This was on Aug. 11, 1918.

Flesham, 1388079, Pvt. Ruben, Co. I. Information given by John M. LaPass, Sgt. Co. I.

On the afternoon of Nov. 10, 1918, about 4 o'clock during the attack on Bois d'Harville, Pvt. Flesham and I were together. We had reached our objective and Pvt. Flesham and I started to attack a machine gun nest on the left of Bois d'Harville, when we were about 40 yards from the machine gun, I was wounded by a machine gun bullet, in the abdomen, and fell to the ground. Pvt. Flesham saw me fall, and came over and picked me up, and just then the machine gun



GRAVE OF PVT. A. MICHEAL, CO. K, IN FRONT OF BRAY, FRANCE

opened up and several bullets passed through Pvt. Flesham's body, killing him at once.

Fontana, 1386393, Pvt. Giuseppe, Co. A. Information given by John Drouse, Pvt. Co. A.

We were in the Albert sector on July 25, 1918. Pvt. Fontana was in a firing bay about 30 feet away from me. About 2:30 p. m. a shell burst on top of the parapet right in front of him, and a piece of shrapnel hit him in the breast. He kept saying, "Oh, My! Oh, My!" He was put on a stretcher and carried to the hospital where he died the same day.

Ford, 2969403, Cpl. William F., Co. F. Information given by John S. Hailey, Cpl. Co. F.

The night of Oct. 11, 1918, our company was dug in about two kilos. north of Consenvoye. Cpl. Ford was dug in about ten feet away from me. We were under heavy fire most of the night. About 3:30 or 4 a. m. a shell landed in Cpl. Ford's bivouac, killing him instantly and wounding several others.

Francis, 1386540, Bugler Charles, Co. B. Information given by Sidney C. Maquire, Sgt. Co. B; Walter Stewart, Cpl. Co. B.

Killed instantly by a machine gun bullet on Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France. Hit in the stomach and fell in the arms of an English soldier.

Frazier, 3171188, Pvt. Charley, Co. B. No information.

Fredian, 2086400, Pvt. Maurice, Co. K. Information given by Mike Walt, Pvt. Co. K.

Pvt. Fredian was killed by shrapnel on Oct. 11, 1918, during the Bois de Chaume offensive. He came up to the line with a ration detail about 2:30 p. m., and was killed an hour later by a piece of shrapnel from a shell which burst about 200 yards away. His body was removed a short distance to the rear and covered with a blanket. That was the last I saw of him.

Freiburg, 2nd Lieut. Hyman H., Co. E. Information given by George H. Nicholls, Pvt. 1cl. Co. E.

Lieut. Freiburg was struck in the foot by a machine gun bullet and Pvt. Nicholls was dressing the wound when a shell exploded, shrapnel striking the lieutenant in the head, causing instant death. At Chipilly Ridge, Aug. 9, 1918. Private Nicholls assisted the lieutenant after being shot in the foot, until wound

became so painful he couldn't go on. Last words, "Well, see it through, kid, but I guess you had better dress up the foot." Buried in Vaux cemetery.

Fulton, 1388243, Cpl. Harry G., Co. K. Information given by Raymond F. Fiedler, Capt.

Cpl. Fulton died of Lobar-pneumonia, Nov. 14, 1918. I do not know at what hospital.

Not much is known of the particulars of his death. He was taken sick November 8, while on leave at Aix-le-Baines, France, and we were later notified of his death on Nov. 14, 1918.

Gagen, 1977853, Pvt. Louis L., Co. G. No information.

Gambounis, 2299534, Pvt. Emmanuel A., Co. G. No information.

Garland, 2661347, Pvt. Thomas P., Co. I. Information given by John J. Ryan, Pvt. Co. I.

Two days before the attack of Oct. 10, 1918, on the east bank of the Meuse, Pvt. Garland, with myself and several others, were detailed to carry ammunition for Company B, 124th Machine Gun Battalion. On the morning of the attack, about 8 o'clock, we were advancing. A friend of mine who had been wounded was going back toward the first aid station. In passing me, the wounded man told me that Pvt. Garland had been killed by the same shell that wounded him. Pvt. Garland was a very intimate friend of mine, so when two days later there was not much shell fire, I went out to see if I could find him. I found him dead, about 500 yards behind the front line. He had been struck in the head with shrapnel, and the wound was such that he must have died instantly.

Geffert, 1387369, Pvt. William H., Co. E. Information given by William E. Schneider, Sgt. Co. E.

Killed at Forges Creek Sept. 26, 1918, by shell fire. I saw the shell explode in a small group of men and went over immediately. He tried to speak but could not make a sound. He died immediately.

Gelow, 2661872, Pvt. Otto, Co. E. Information given by John L. Cahill, Pvt. Co. E.

Killed at Forges Swamp on the 26th of September, about 6:30 a. m. He was hit by shell fragments, which tore his right leg almost completely from his body. He died instantly where he fell. Buried near Forges Swamp.

Gerke, 1386316, Pvt. Walter G., Co. A. Information given by Jesse B. Griffith, Sgt. Co. A.

During the Somme offensive on Aug. 9, 1918, we were advancing through an area swept by the enemy's machine guns. Gerke was hit in the hip by a machine gun bullet, and while he was being bandaged, he was again hit, this time by a piece of shrapnel in the chest. He died about an half hour later. He was unconscious during the half hour that he lived, and except for moaning did not make a sound.

Gerken, 3168311, Pvt. Albert A., Co. C. Information given by John C. Swanson, Cpl. Co. C.

During the Meuse-Argonne offensive in the action east of the Meuse, the company had taken a position on the bald hill about a kilometer north of the Bois de Plat Chene. About 8:30 in the morning, Oct. 10, 1918, Pvt. Gerken and myself were advancing up the hill when Pvt. Gerken threw up his arms and fell saying, "I am hit!" Before continuing on I endeavored to give him a drink of water, but he shook his head. He did not speak and seemed to be but semi-conscious. When I was able to get back about half an hour later, I found him dead.

Gillespie, 3171171, Pvt. Louis, Co. B. No information.

Gillispie, 3166226, Pvt. William H., Co. F. Information given by John S. Hailey, Cpl. Co. F.

On the night of Oct. 11, 1918, Company F was dug in about two kilos. north of Consenvoye. Gillispie was dug in about ten feet from me with several others. We were shelled all night. About 3:30 or 4 a gas shell landed in their hole, killing Gillispie and killing or wounding all others. He died instantly.

Glassco, 3167965, Pvt. Simeon, Co. E. Information given by Ralph W. Haupt, Pvt. Co. E.

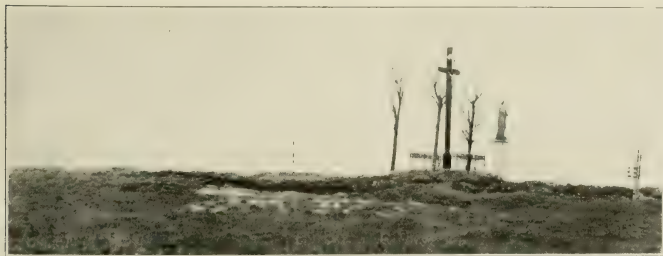
Killed at Forges Stream Sept. 26, 1918, by shell fire. He was about six yards in front of me. A shell exploded ahead of the squad and killed the first three men. I asked him if he was hit badly and he said, "I've got it, kid." He was carried away and died at the dressing station.

Grimes, 2060748, Pvt. Walter E., Co. I. Information given by Le Roy Weyrick, 1st Lieut. Co. I.

About 10 o'clock in the morning of Dec. 3, 1918, I was sitting in my billet, when a terrific explosion occurred, shaking the building. I immediately went outside and saw a large cloud of smoke near an old trench about fifty yards down the hill from the billet. I heard somebody call and saw a man lying on the ground, and running down to the place, found that it was Pvt. Grimes. A fire had been built in the abandoned trench to burn up refuse. This fire had been burning over an hour before the explosion. Upon examining the side of the trench, we discovered a hole in which a mine had been placed. There were also several pieces of pipe which were split open, causing us to believe that they had been filled with explosives. Pvt. Grimes face was badly cut around the eyes, he had a hole through his right leg midway between the knee and hip. He also had two wounds in the abdomen on the left side, one just below the lower rib and the other about three inches below it. His wounds were dressed, and when the ambulance arrived, was placed in it and sent to the hospital. He died on the way. We told him he would come out O. K., but he said that he did not think so, that he would die.

Grist, 2060894, Cpl. Frank, Co. M. Information given by Dan Flagg, Pvt. Co. M.

On the afternoon of Aug. 9, 1918, about 4 o'clock, Cpl. Grist was killed instantly while advancing on a machine gun nest during the Chipilly Gressaire Wood offensive, Somme. His death occurred in Gressaire Wood.



CRUCIFIX ON BRAY-CORBIE-EITNEHEM ROAD

Guley, 2062921, Pvt. William, Co. M. Information given by Richard H. Buvens, Jr., 2nd Lt.

Eye witnesses of the death of Private William Guley cannot be found. Current opinion is as follows: He was killed instantly by a shell during the advance on the Bois de Warville, on Nov. 10, 1918.

Gundstrom, 1388247, Sgt. Harold G., Co. K. Information given by Euther Brannum, Pvt. Co. K.

Sgt. Gundstrom was killed by shrapnel on Oct. 1, 1918, during the Argonne-Meuse offensive. His body was removed to Drillancourt.

Gustis, 2088532, Pvt. Alex., Co. F. Information given by 1st Sgt. Co. F.

The following information is taken from Co. F, morning report regarding Pvt. Gustis: "From sick in hospital to dropped from rolls, Oct. 23, 1918. (Hospital unknown.)" This is all the information obtainable.

Hackett, 1st Lieut. Harry E., Co. G. Information given by Arthur M. Mathiesen, Cpl. Co. G.

I was about five feet from Lieut. Hackett when he was hit by a machine gun bullet in the head, on Aug. 9, 1918, in the battle of Gressaire Wood and Chipilly Ridge. Lieut. Hackett was hit about an hour after the attack had started. I rushed to him, heard him mumble a few words which I could not make out, and he then became unconscious. I dressed his wound, the bullet hitting him in the head, and had four German prisoners carry him back to a British first aid station at Sailly le Sec, myself going with them. Lieut. Hackett never regained consciousness and died at the first aid station.

Haessley, 2159136, Pvt. Harry J., Co. C. Information given by George W. Lord, Sgt. Co. C.

During the Somme offensive on Aug. 11, 1918, Co. C was occupying the front line trenches on the brow of the hill just west of the village of Eitnehem. About ten o'clock in the evening Pvt. Haessley was with a ration detail passing along the parapet of the trench distributing rations. Had just finished passing the last of the rations to the men in the trench, and was straightening up when he was hit in the upper part of the body by a small caliber artillery shell. He was killed instantly.

Hagis, 2161011, Pvt. Nicholas, Co. K. Information given by Nels A. Lundquist, Pvt.

Private Hagis was killed at Bray sur Somme, France, Aug. 18, 1918, by shrapnel. He was not killed instantly but died an hour after being hit, while on the way to the first aid station. I was one of the stretcher bearers. We could not find our own first aid station and went on until we found the Australian first aid station. On arriving there the attendant told us he was dead.

Hahney, 1386282, Cpl. Henry, Co. A. Information given by Fred Stump, Pvt. 1cl. Co. A.

On Aug. 9, 1918, while advancing through an open area to Chipilly Ridge, Cpl. Hahney who was in command of the squad that I was in, turned around to give us an order, and just as he did so, a machine gun bullet struck him in the back of the neck, killing him instantly. I covered his face with a blanket, and then we were ordered to advance, and I left his body.

Halash, 1386537, Sgt. Charles L., Co. B. Information given by Sidney Maguire, Sgt. Co. B.; Walter Stewart, Cpl. Co. B.

Hit in the chest by a machine gun bullet and instantly killed on Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France.



GRAVES AT GERCOURT

EITNEHEM CEMETERY

Halper, 1388601, Cpl. Seth, Co. M. Information given by Richard H. Buvens, 2nd Lt.

Eye witnesses of the death of Cpl. Seth Halper cannot be found. Current opinion is as follows: "Cpl. S. Halper was killed Aug. 9, 1918, by machine gun fire. His death was instantaneous and occurred in the Gressaire woods, Somme."

Hamilton, 2063211, Pvt. George W., Co. G. Information given by Donald J. McIntosh, Sgt. Co. G.

After reaching objective Oct. 9, 1918 (Argonne-Meuse offensive), near Bois de Chaume, and after having dug in, Pvt. Hamilton left his trench the following day to procure an overcoat, with which to protect himself from the cold. While searching for an overcoat, I saw him hit by a high explosive shell fragment and he died almost instantly.

Information given by Andrew J. Gassler, Cpl. Co. G.

About 9 o'clock in the morning on the day of Oct. 10, 1918, I left my hole where I had dug in after our platoon had reached their objective in the battle of Bois de Chaume, to secure an overcoat to protect myself from the cold. Searching for the overcoat took me about 1,000 yards from my trench, and upon arriving at the place where overcoats and blankets could be secured, I found Pvt. Hamilton and Pvt. Bomar (both of Co. G) had preceded me, and were already getting their blankets, etc. The three of us picked out what clothing, etc., we could carry, and started back to our platoon, when a high explosive shell landed about 15 feet from us. A fragment of the shell struck Pvt. Hamilton in the side, and he fell in my arms, saying, "I'm going to die, tell my wife." We carried him to a shell hole, where we laid him down unconscious. He died not over 5 minutes later. As soon as we knew he was dead, we proceeded back to our platoon to escape the heavy shelling that was going on. I conducted men to his body next day, and proper burial was made.

Handley, 2969119, Pvt. Clyde C., Co. C. Information given by Olaf Nelson, Pvt. 1st Co. C.

During the Meuse-Argonne offensive, in our action east of the Meuse, Co. C was occupying a position on the bald hill about a kilometer north of the Bois

Plat Chene. On October 11, at about 3:30 p. m. I was returning with other stretcher bearers from the rear, when upon reaching a point in the ravine between Bois Plat Chene and Bois de Chaume, the enemy began to shell the locality heavily and we entered a dug-out for protection. Before we emerged from the dug-out to continue Pvt. Worden and Handley of our company passed along with a supply of water which they were carrying to the front. A moment later we left the dug-out and continued our way to the front. We had gone but about a hundred yards, when a H. E. shell struck a short distance in front of us, but out of our view on account of the density of the woods. Upon reaching the point where this shell struck, we found that it had instantly killed Pvts. Worden and Handley and one machine gun man and seriously wounded a second machine gun man whose name I do not know.

Hansen, 2160852, Pvt. 1cl. Carl J., Co. L. Information given by Edward Goldin, Pvt.

On the 10th of November about 2:30 p. m., we were ordered to make a raid on a woods and advance five hundred yards into it. I was carrier for Pvt. Kulpit, who was carrying a Chauchat automatic rifle; we were together until we reached the woods and had advanced about one hundred yards into it, where we met resistance. There were numerous Germans in a trench, also a machine gun on our left. At this time we were on the extreme left of our company, as also of the woods. We had opened fire on the enemy and they gave up. I and a soldier from Co. I, took the Germans we captured down to another group of prisoners and when we were coming back the enemy again opened fire on us. Pvt. Hansen, who was also in this squad, was hit by a machine gun bullet which killed him instantly. I did not see him again as I was called on later to guard a road.

Hanson, 2161089, Pvt. William A., Co. G. Information given by Arthur L. Danis, Cpl. Co. G.

About 11 o'clock in the evening of Aug. 10, 1918, at Gressaire Wood, after the battle of Chipilly Ridge, I was in a shell hole with Pvt. Hanson, an Australian Sgt., and three other boys of our regiment. A high explosive shell landed almost directly in the hole, killing Pvt. Hanson, the Australian Sgt. and another of our boys almost instantly. I was badly dazed and after coming to my senses, tried to bandage Hanson, but could do nothing for him.

Haraldson, 2162859, Pvt. Thomas, Co. A. Information given by Floyd F. Hayhurst, Cpl. Co. A.

On August 9, 1918, during the Somme offensive, this company was advancing up to Chipilly Ridge. Private Haraldson was a few feet away from me, I heard him give a cry, turned, and saw that he had been struck in the back of the head by a machine gun bullet. His death was instantaneous.

Hartman, 1388407, Pvt. 1cl. William E., Co. L.

Killed in action Oct. 10, 1918. Gun shot wound in right thigh. No statement obtainable at the present time.

Haugred, 2151600, Pvt. Oscar O., Co. K. Information given by Mike Walt, Pvt. Co. K.

Private Haugred was killed on Aug. 19, 1918, by a sniper's bullet, being shot through the head, the bullet passing through his steel helmet. His body was removed from the trench but I do not know where to.

Haunstrup, 1387017, Cpl. Holger, Jr., Co. D. Information given by George J. Prentice, Pvt. Co. D.

Cpl. Haunstrup was wounded on Oct. 10, 1918, while making an advance through the Bois de Chaume. He was hit by a machine gun bullet, the bullet



GRAVE OF LT. SCHRAUER, FORGES SWAMP

passing through the bladder. He was wounded about 9:30 a. m. His last words to me were, "I'm done for, give me my hat, my head is cold." He then became unconscious and died at the hospital.

Hawkins, 1387061, Pvt. Charles F., Co. D. Information given by Walter G. Peabody, Sgt. Co. D.

Pvt. Hawkins was struck in the back by shrapnel about 4 a. m., July 4, 1918, at Hamel. He died while on his way to an aid station.

Healey, 2160856, Pvt. Harry J., Co. B. Information given by Walter Stewart, Cpl. Co. B; Edwin C. Kuntz, Pvt. Co. B.

Was hit in the head and killed instantly by a machine gun bullet, Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France.

Heap, 1387309, Pvt. Harold R., Co. E. Information given by Jay McCown, Pvt. Co. E.

I was very near Heap when he was killed, almost instantly by the concussion of a very large shell when it exploded. I did not hear him say anything. This was the Hamel, France, action, July 4, 1918. Buried about 1,000 yards before the town of Hamel.

Hegberg, 1387660, Sgt. Leslie W., Co. G. Died in hospital.

Hellgren, 1387552, Cpl. Martin, Co. F. Information given by Archie R. Timblin, Cpl. Co. F.

About 5:30 p. m., July 2, 1918, we were near Villers Brettanoux with the Australian forces. We were drawing our rations preparatory to going into the trenches that night. Cpl. Hellgren had just given us our rations and we were putting them in our packs when a shell fell a few yards away. He was struck in the right side by a fragment of shell and was badly wounded. He said, "I am

sorry I can't go with you tonight.' These were the last words I heard him say. He was given first aid by the Australians and was taken to a hospital but died a week later.

Hickerson, 1386650, Pvt. Byron A., Co. B. Information given by Roy Erickson, Cpl. Co. B.

Instantly killed by an exploding shell while returning for ammunition Aug. 12, 1918, at Gressaire Wood, France.

Hickey, 1387713, Pvt. James T., Hq. Co. Information given by John E. Johnson, Pvt. Hq. Co.

I was taken to evacuation hospital No. 13, Feb. 20, 1919, in Waffeldingen, Luxembourg. Hickey was in the next tent to the one I was in suffering from pneumonia. He died two or three days later and was buried in the Military cemetery at Waffeldingen, adjacent to the civilian cemetery.

Hill, 3501709, Pvt. James R., Co. F. Information given by 1st Sgt. Co. F.

The following information is taken from Co. F Morning Reports regarding Pvt. Hill: "Transferred from this Co. to Evacuation Hospital No. 12, at Treves, Germany, Jan. 15, 1919." This is all the information obtainable.

Hill, 1388084, Pvt. William B., Co. I. Information given by Herbert S. Davies, Sgt. Co. I.

About 5:30 p. m., on the afternoon of Oct. 13, 1918, Pvt. Hill, myself and about seven other "Intelligence" men were lying in a trench about 2 feet deep, near Bn. Hdqrs., which was located in the Bois de Chaume. The woods were being heavily shelled and at said time a large H. E. shell exploded on the parapet of this ditch or trench. I ordered the men to leave the trench and go to a safer place nearby. All left the trench but Hill, who said to me "I can't move." Myself and one of my men lifted him from the trench and placed him on the parapet. We had no more than laid him down, than he stiffened out and passed away. There were no marks upon his body, so I judge that he was killed by concussion or heart-failure. The next night eight of my men carried his body to Consenvoye, where he was buried in the Consenvoye graveyard.

Hinkle, 2nd Lt. Benjamin P., Co. L. Information given by Frank J. Wilcox, Pvt. Co. L.

On Nov. 10, 1918, in Bois d'Harville action, 2nd Lt. Benjamin P. Hinkle was with Co. I advancing from Bois d'Harville. Was last seen on Nov. 10, 1918, at 1st aid station where we left him at about 4 a. m., Nov. 11, 1918. Lt. Hinkle received a very bad shrapnel wound in right leg about 6 inches below hip, nearly severing the member. He arrived at 1st aid station about 4 a. m. on Nov. 11, 1918.

Hixon, 3489506, Cpl. Earl E., Co. G. Information given by George H. Maser, Pvt. Co. G.

I saw Pvt. Hixon killed on the morning of Oct. 9, 1918, about 6:30 a. m., in the battle of Bois de Chaume (Argonne-Meuse), the attack starting at 6 a. m. We had gone about 100 yards when Pvt. Hixon was struck by a machine gun bullet in the heart. I was at his side when he fell, heard him say the word "Mother" and examining him, found him dead.

Hoff, 1387383, Pvt. Walter, Co. E. Information given by Hugh B. Smith, Cpl. Co. E.

Killed by shell fragments in Forges Swamp on the morning of Sept. 26, 1918. He was killed instantly. Buried where he was killed.

Hoover, 3774639, Pvt. James, Co. H. Information given by James R. Collins, Sgt. Co. H.



CEMETERY AT SOUTH END OF FORGES WOOD

We were on a daylight raid at St. Hilaire, France, on Nov. 9, 1918. Hoover was a stretcher bearer. He was hit by shrapnel in the head and died instantly. I had a detail take his body to the rear.

Horoschak, 2315211, Pvt. Peter, Co. A. Information given by Harold O. Johnson, Sgt. Co. A.

During the offensive on Bois de Chaume and Bois du Plat Chene on Oct. 10, 1918, Pvt. Horoschak was a member of my platoon. Just as we were about to ascend the final hill to our objective, he was hit in the leg by a machine gun bullet, and an instant later by a machine gun bullet in the head, and instantly killed.

Horton, 2nd Lt. Harding F., Co. C. Information given by Joseph Branigan, Pvt. Co. C.

While directing fire of platoon, after reaching final objective on hill north of Bois Plat Chene, in the action east of the Meuse on Oct. 10, 1918, at about 10:30 a. m., he was struck in the forehead by a machine gun bullet fired from a position near Villeneuve Farm. He died about 4 p. m. in the afternoon without regaining consciousness. I was about 20 feet to the right of the lieutenant when he was hit and remained in about this position until the second night, when the line was moved back.

Howe, 2159396, Pvt. Earl J., Co. D. Information given by Elmer L. Heinowski, Cpl. Co. D.

Pvt. Howe was killed instantly on Oct. 10, 1918, by a machine gun bullet which passed through his heart. This occurred about 11 a. m. while making an advance through the Bois de Chaume. He fell within three hundred yards of the objective.

Hrubes, 2151510, Pvt. Joseph M., Co. K. Information given by Daniel J. Waters, Cpl. Co. K.

Private Hrubes was killed by shell fire Oct. 12, 1918, during the Bois de Chaume engagement. His body was removed to the first aid station at Consenvoye.

Huckins, 1387386, Pvt. Robert E., Co. E. Information given by William E. Schneider, Sgt. Co. E.

Killed at Chipilly Ridge Aug. 12 or 13, 1918, by a whiz bang. His death was instantaneous. Two or three minutes before the shell landed he said, "I would like to be in Peoria right now."

Hudgins, 2872962, Pvt. George, Co. G. No information.

Huston, 1387311, Cpl. Chester I., Co. E. Information given by Jay McCown, Pvt. Co. E.

I was lying next to Cpl. Huston when he was killed instantly by shell fragment which blew off top of his head. He did not utter a word after being hit. This happened in the battle of Hamel, France, July 4, 1918. Buried about 1,000 yards before the town of Hamel.

Igo, 1977972, Pvt. Emery, Co. L. Information given by Stanley Olzewski, Pvt. Co. L.

Time: 10:30 p. m. Place: Chipilly Ridge. Circumstance: We were in trenches just being relieved. A shell burst just a few feet away from us. Last seen Aug. 20, 1918, was at Australian Red Cross station. How killed: A large shrapnel wound at top of the right lung. He was still alive when I left him at the 1st aid station. He could not talk.

Ilko, 1388252, Pvt. Peter, Co. K. Information given by Stanley Mydlowski, Pvt. Co. K.

Pvt. Ilko was hit by a shell fragment near narrow gauge railway in Bois de Chaume, near Sivry-sur-Meuse, France, on October 10, during our attack. I was near him at the time. He was unconscious and I believe he was dying then. I had to move from that position on account of one shell falling in immediate vicinity.

Ingram, 1977580, Pvt. Pete, Co. I. Information given by Joe Howell, Cpl. Co. I.

On the afternoon of Nov. 12, 1918, the regimental chaplain called me to identify a dead soldier who was picked up near the first aid station at Donnicourt, France, who proved to be Pvt. Pete Ingram. He had been struck in the left side and chin, evidently by machine gun bullets. He was buried by the regimental chaplain in the American cemetery at Hannonville, France.

Ireland, 2161633, Pvt. Earl C., Co. B. Information given by Sidney C. Maguire, Sgt. Co. B; Walter Stewart, Cpl. Co. B.

Killed instantly by a machine gun bullet on Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France. Buried the following day in cemetery near Sailly-Laurette.

Irwin, 1388411, Sgt. Clarence, Co. L. Information given by Cecil E. Hartman, Pvt. Co. L.

During the east bank of the Meuse engagement Oct. 10, 1918, and while pushing forward in Bois de Chaume, near Sivry, France, a very heavy enemy bombardment fell in our midst. The first of this shooting caused Irwin's injury and being too badly hurt to seek any possible cover, the later shells caused his death. This was also the fate of two other men that I know of and in all, the bodies were badly shell torn by shell fragments and shrapnel.

Jackson, 3171349, Pvt. Joseph, Co. F. Information given by Jerry Dillon, Pvt. Co. F.

The night of Oct. 11, 1918, our company was dug in about two kilos. north of Consenvoye. Jackson was in a hole about ten feet away from me. We were being shelled with gas all night long and had to wear our masks. About 3 a. m. a gas shell struck his hole and he was instantly killed. He was not badly disfigured. He said nothing.



GRAVES NEAR AID STATION.
DRILLANCOURT

GRAVES AT DRILLANCOURT

Jakubowski, 1388139, Pvt. Adam, Co. I. Information given by Robert J. Hanna, Sgt. Co. I.

On the afternoon of Nov. 10, 1918, about 2 p. m., we were advancing on Bois de Harville, north of Donecourt, under machine gun fire from Bois d'Harville. Pvt. Jakubowski was a few feet to my right, when I saw one of the men in my squad fall, wounded. I went over to see the wounded man, but before going, told Pvt. Jakubowski my intentions, and to be careful, as we had located the machine gun ahead of us. When I reached the wounded man, I turned toward Pvt. Jakubowski to ask him for a knife, with which to cut off the wounded man's pack. I saw that Jakubowski lay face downward on the ground, his rifle in firing position. I thought from this position that he had been either wounded or killed, so I asked one of the men, who had just arrived on the line, to see what the trouble was with Jakubowski. The man told me that Jakubowski was dead, and when I saw his body a few minutes later, I saw that a bullet had pierced his helmet and entered the center of his forehead. He had died instantly.

Jancius, 1387715, Pvt. Joseph, Co. G. Information given by John Buechner, Cpl. Co. G.

I saw Pvt. Jancius killed on the morning of Sept. 26, 1918, at about 6:30 a. m., in the battle of Bois de Forges. We had left the trenches at Mort Homme and got lost in the swamp. I was about five feet from Jancius when a high explosive shell hit about 10 feet from him, a fragment of the shell striking him. I immediately went to him and tried to bandage his wound, but he said, "It's no use boys, I'm gone," living only about three minutes after being hit. I shook him, and found that he was dead. I went on in the attack and left him.

Janssen, 1387147, Pvt. Frederick, Co. D. Information given by Walter G. Peabody, Sgt. Co. D.

Pvt. Janssen was hit by a machine gun bullet while carrying a stretcher on Oct. 10, 1918, at about 6:15 a. m. He was hit in the ankle. He said at the time, "You fellows will have to carry me now. I told you I'd get a blighty." He died later at a hospital.

Jauch, 1387613, Pvt. Howard W., Co. F. Information given by Timblin, Cpl. Co. F.

Howard Jauch and I were members of the same squad. He was wounded at the Battle of Chipilly Ridge Aug. 9, 1918, about 5:35 p. m. We were lying down under a heavy fire. He was lying beside me when he was hit by a piece of shrapnel. He said, "I am hit." I asked him if it was bad. He said, "I don't think so." He didn't want us to give him first aid and didn't want to be sent back. He was not in great pain and considered it a slight wound. He said, "It doesn't amount to anything. Go on and don't bother about me." I came back about seven o'clock but he had been removed. I didn't see or hear anything about him until we were notified of his death the next day at the hospital.

Jelach, 360314, Cpl. Thomas, Co. C. Information given by Charles O. Baptista, 1st Sgt. Co. C.

Reported as having died from pneumonia at evacuation hospital No. 13, Welferdange, Luxembourg, on April 22, 1919, and buried in American cemetery.

Johnson, 1386156, Wagoner Charles A., Supply Co. Information given by Albert F. Cade, 1st Sgt. Supply Co.

This man was sent on Class A leave Jan. 16, 1919. When the leave party returned to its proper station, I was informed by the non-commissioned officer I had detailed in charge of the party, that Wag. Johnson had been taken sick while in the leave area, and had been evacuated to a hospital.

Later I received a letter from the C. O. Camp Hospital No. 45, APO 736, AEF, stating that soldier had been admitted to that hospital. Accordingly, under GO 5, GHQ, AEF, e.s., I closed his service record and forwarded it to the hospital.

My next information concerning the soldier, was another letter from the hospital commandant, reciting the death of the soldier. This letter, together with the enclosed grave location, was turned over to the statistical section, 131st Infantry.

Johnson, 1338421, Pvt. Elaf, Co. L. Information given by Peter Pollos, Cpl.

During the offensive of Bois de Chaume, Oct. 10, 1918, Capt. Wagner gave orders to go through the woods. As these woods were too dense to deploy we were compelled to go through in single file. We got through the woods and reached our objective when the enemy put up a barrage on us. Pvt. Johnson was hit by a piece of shrapnel, was killed instantly.

Johnson, 2969774, Pvt. Robison C., Co. M.

Eye witnesses of the death of Pvt. R. C. Johnson cannot be found. Information gained is as follows: That on the morning of Oct. 12, 1918, he was mortally wounded by the explosion of an enemy shell. Up to the time he was carried to the rear by stretcher bearers he failed to regain consciousness. He died at the first aid station.

Johnston, 1977482, Cpl. Ora F., Co. D. Information given by Walter G. Peabody, Sgt. Co. D.

Cpl. Johnston was hit in the stomach by a sniper on Oct. 11, 1918, about 9 a. m., while taking a message to company headquarters. He was sent to a hospital and gave his personal belongings to me to give his chum, Cpl. Folger. He also said at the time he would not live.

Jones, 3170788, Pvt. Percy H., Co. B. Information given by Van Walker Peterson, Sgt. Co. B.; Arthur H. Gunderson, Sgt. Co. B.

Killed instantly by a machine gun bullet on Oct. 10, 1918, near Consenvoye, France.



GRAVES NORTH OF BETHINCOURT

GERMAN AND AMERICAN GRAVES,
ST. HILAIRE

Joos, 2nd Lieut. William, Co. G. Information given by Henry G. Weinberg, Pvt. Co. G.

I was about two feet from Lieut. Joos when he was hit by a machine gun bullet in the head. This happened in the attack on Chipilly Ridge. We started the attack at 5:38 p. m. on Aug. 9, 1918, and about a half an hour later the lieutenant was hit. He had just told the boys of our platoon to close over to the right to fill a gap that existed between our platoon and the platoon on the right, and had just turned his face to the left when the bullet hit him. The bullet entered his right temple, killing him instantly. No words came from him. Lieut. Joos was in front of his platoon when killed.

Kalvelage, 1387763, George J., Pvt. Co. G.

Died in hospital.

Karel, 2063311, Pvt. John, Co. G. Information given by Theodore C. Thomas, Pvt. Co. G.

In the attack on Bois de Warville, Nov. 10, 1918, we had retired to our trenches, where we had started the attack, and about three hours later, around 9 o'clock in the evening, the Germans began shelling our position. Pvt. Karel was lying down about twenty-five feet from me. A high explosive shell hit him, mangling his body, and killing him instantly, as well as a comrade, Levy Buchanan. Dazed myself, I went over to the boys, but nothing could be done for them. No words were said by him.

Kartheiser, 2063019, Cpl. William H., Co. L.

Died in hospital Oct. 25, 1918. No statement obtainable at the present time.

Kater, 1387557, Pvt. George V., Co. F.

No information.

Kendrick, 1387295, Cpl. Paul J., Co. E. Information given by John E. Cahill, Pvt. Co. E.

Killed just over the Forges stream, Sept. 26, 1918, by shrapnel. He was hit in the stomach. I carried him back to the first aid station. He sent his regards to the men, and asked me to write his folks. He died in the hospital.

Kennedy, 2057302, Sgt. Clifford, Co. A. Information given by Mike Falasz, Pvt. Co. A.

During the Somme offensive on Aug. 9, 1918, we were advancing through Malard Woods. I was in Sgt. Kennedy's platoon, and about 5:30 p. m. we were in an area that was swept by machine guns of the enemy. While attempting to lead us out of our dangerous position Sgt. Kennedy was hit in the neck by a machine gun bullet, killing him instantly.

Kettering, 1386662, Pvt. James B., Co. B. Information given by S. D. Maguire, Sgt. Co. B.; Walter Stewart, Cpl. Co. B.

Killed instantly by a machine gun bullet on Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France. Bullet pierced chest. Buried the following day in cemetery at Saily-Laurette, France.

Knofski, 1387396, Pvt. Theofil, Co. E. Information given by Alfred N. Clissold, 1st Lieut. Co. E.

While at Hocquincourt, in training, Knofski had the misfortune to break his leg. First aid was rendered and he was evacuated. He later died in the hospital. At the time of the accident he remarked that he would soon return to the company.

Kraemer, 2152631, Pvt. Henry H., Co. H. Information given by Ralph J. Walkoe, Sgt. Co. H.

Kraemer was struck while on a ration detail by shrapnel and died instantly. He was with his buddie, Cherichetti, in a knee-deep trench. Both were hit by the same shell and both died at the same time. This happened on Aug. 11, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France.

Krochell, 2061833, Pvt. Albert J., Co. B. Information given by Gustave L. Johnson, Cpl. Co. B.; Ebbie George, Pvt. Co. B.

Killed instantly by an exploding shell while attempting to aid a wounded comrade on Oct. 10, 1918, near Consenvoye, France.

Kubik, 2155339, Pvt. Edward E. R., Co. F. Information given by Alvin R. Hass, Sgt. Co. F.

Pvt. Kubik was instantly killed at Chipilly Ridge Aug. 9, 1918, at about 6 p. m. by a machine gun bullet through the head. Our company was halted, trying to locate the enemy when he was hit.

Kubli, 1387720, Pvt. Walter R., Co. G. Information given by Capt. Edwin S. Hopps, Co. G.

At about 6:30 in the evening, on Aug. 9, 1918, in the battle of Gressaire Wood and Chipilly Ridge, Pvt. Kubli had just got through talking to me when a bullet hit him in the right side. He called out, "I'm hit," and died right after. I stuck a rifle in the ground by his side to mark the location of the body.

Kucinski, 1384413, Pvt. Jacob, Co. L. Information given by John F. McDermid, Cpl. Co. L.

Nearing the hour of 7 o'clock along railroad (narrow gauge) west bank of Meuse river, opposite town of Consenvoye, Pvt. Kucinski was standing on outside of concrete dugout preparing morning mess for the other men staying inside of same dugout. He went outside for a piece of flat metal, undoubtedly to use in preparing the meal. Entrance of dugout was facing to east. Pvt. Kucinski was standing about ten feet west of dugout, Oct. 2, 1918, a shell (whizz-bang) coming from northern direction struck about five feet in front of Pvt. Kucinski. Left leg was blown off at hip, right leg was afflicted same way, left arm was all but blown off, about shoulder. Death occurred instantly. No statement.

Kuehnert, 2155340, Pvt. Walter K. A., Co. F.

No information.

Kulpit, 1388423, Pvt. Frank, Co. L. Information given by Edward Goldin, Pvt. Co. L.

On November 10, about 2:30 p. m., we were ordered to make a raid on a woods and advance 500 yards into it. I was carrier for Pvt. Kulpit, who was carrying a Chauchat automatic rifle. We were together until we reached the woods and had advanced about 100 yards into it, where we met resistance. There were numerous Germans in a trench and also a machine gun to our left. At this time we were on the extreme left of our company, as also of the woods. We had opened fire on the enemy and they gave up. I and a soldier from Co. I (I forget if he was a sergeant or a private), took the Germans we captured down to another group of prisoners, and when we were coming back the enemy again opened fire on us. Pvt. Kulpit fell and must have died instantly, for he never moved. As I was called on to guard a road a bit later I did not see him again.

Kyle, 2160345, Sgt. Cecil F., Co. B. Information given by Arthur J. Gunderson, Sgt. Co. B.; George Halversen, Pvt. Co. B.

Hit in the neck by a machine gun bullet and died almost instantly. His last words were: "I'm finished, boys. Go ahead and give them hell." On Oct. 10, 1918, near Consenvoye, France.

Kyritsis, 2299739, Pvt. Arthur, Co. G.

No information.

Lamberti, 1388426, Pvt. William E., Co. L. Information given by Albert Grover Lemmon, Sgt. Co. L.

William Lamberti was advancing with his platoon in command of Lieut. Joseph R. Holt, and had reached the edge of Gressaire Wood, when an enemy shell exploded in front of our line. A piece of this shell struck Lamberti on the right upper part of his head. Death was instantaneous. Later a detail from his platoon buried him near the spot where he fell in Gressaire Wood. A cross and identity is properly fixed to it. Map reference: British-France Sheet 62d N. E. 1/20,000 Edition 3 B-local K18 D3-0.



GERMAN CEMETERY, ST. MIHIEL GERMAN CEMETERY WEST OF FORGES
SECTOR

Larson, 2151872, Pvt. Benmore O., Co. K. Information given by Lance Devericks, Sgt. Co. K.

My platoon formed part of the second wave in the attack on the Bois de Forges on Sept. 26, 1918. Pvt. Larson was in my platoon and was struck by a machine gun bullet in the breast. He was sent to the 130th Field Hospital at Glorieux, near Verdun. He died from his wounds and was buried Sept. 27, 1918, at Glorieux. His grave has been seen by Pvt. B. V. Cassels of this company.

Lee, 2nd Lieut. John C., Co. G. Information given by Einar Wallum, Cpl. Co. G.

I was about fifty yards from Lieut. Lee when I saw him fall, hit by a machine gun bullet. This happened at the battle of Chipilly Ridge, about 7 in the evening of Aug. 9, 1918. The lieutenant was advancing in front of the platoon, shooting his automatic pistol and leading his men. Had advanced about 300 yards past the second valley when I saw him fall. The bullets were so thick around where he fell we could not get to him.

Lembke, 2151140, Pvt. 1cl. Henry, Co. L. Information given by Werner Y. Chapman, Sgt. Co. L.

Pvt. Lembke was instantly killed on Nov. 10, 1918, when a piece of shrapnel hit him in the forehead. The shrapnel was a piece of shell, which exploded about ten feet from him. He was in charge of the runners of the third battalion and was standing in front of the battalion headquarters when hit. He made no statement after being hit. He was buried at the 131st Infantry burial grounds at Han-nonville, France.

Lenmark, 1386676, Pvt. Rudolph C., Co. B. Information given by Van Walker Peterson, Sgt. Co. B.; Arthur Gunderson, Sgt. Co. B.

Hit by a machine gun bullet while carrying a message to the rear. Died before he reached the aid station on Oct. 10, 1918, at Consenvoye, France.

Leonard, 2162059, Pvt. Jay, Co. H. Information given by Tony Wright, Cpl. Co. H.

Leonard was a member of my squad while going over the top Sept. 26, 1918, at Mort Homme. He was struck by a machine gun bullet while trying to capture a machine gun nest. His last words were: "Oh, Tony." I being his corporal, tried to assist him, but he died about two minutes later.

Levanson, 1387912, Pvt. Lee, Co. H. Information given by Gus W. Palubiak, Sgt. Co. H.

I saw Leo Levanson lying in a wheat field. He was struck by a machine gun bullet in the stomach on Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France. All he could say was, "Help me." As I had to continue the advance all I could do was to direct stretcher bearers to take him to the first aid. He was carried by four German stretcher bearers.

Liljidahl, 2162370, Pvt. Petrus N., Co. H. Information given by John W. Young, Sgt. Co. H.

Liljidahl was struck by shrapnel while out on patrol near the enemy's lines at Chipilly Ridge, France, Aug. 9, 1918. He was killed instantly.

Lillvik, 2088096, Pvt. Charles, Co. D. Information given by Walter G. Peabody, Sgt. Co. D.

Pvt. Lillvik was hit in the head and back by shrapnel on Oct. 10, 1918, about 2 p. m. near Consenvoye. He was killed instantly.

Lindgren, 1387506, Cpl. Fred V., Co. F. Information given by Elmer Wolsted, Cpl. Co. F.

I was a member of Cpl. Lindgren's squad at the time of his death. We were in the Chipilly Ridge attack on Aug. 9, 1918. Just before our objective had been



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reached we halted and laid down. While lying down he was struck through the head by a piece of shrapnel and instantly killed. This was about 5:30 or 6 p. m. **Lindstrom, 2086580, Pvt. Arthur, Co. D.** Information given by Arthur E. Folger, Sgt. Co. D.

Pvt. Arthur Lindstrom was wounded during the advance on Oct. 10, 1918, by machine gun fire in front of Consenvoye. I bandaged his wounds and saw that he was wounded in the head and body.

Linksey, 1387408, Pvt. William, Co. E. Information given by Ralph W. Haupt, Pvt. Co. E.

Killed at Forges Stream Sept. 26, 1918, by shell fire. Linksey was three yards in front of me. The shell killed the three men in front. I helped a corporal bandage his leg and then continued the advance. I did not see him die.

Lohman, 1387254, Sgt. William, Co. E.

Was killed at Chipilly Ridge, France, and is believed to have been buried in an American cemetery nearby.

Loken, 2152120, Pvt. John, Co. K. Information given by Oscar C. Casto, Pvt. Co. K.

Pvt. Loken was killed on Oct. 10, 1918, during the Bois de Chaume attack by a fragment of shell which struck a dugout which he was occupying. I saw his body in the same position four days later.

Loof, 3803641, Pvt. John, Co. G. Information given by Theodore C. Thomas, Pvt. Co. G.

In our attack on Bois de Warville Nov. 10, 1918, we had retired to our trenches, where we had started the attack, and about three hours later, around 9 o'clock in the evening, the Germans began shelling our position. Pvt. Loof was lying down about thirty feet away from me. A high explosive shell fragment hit him in the head and killed him instantly. I immediately went over to him and found him beyond medical attention. No outcry or words were heard to come from him.

Loof, 2157412, Pvt. Walter, Co. B. Information given by Sidney C. Maguire, Sgt. Co. B.; Walter Steward, Cpl. Co. B.

Killed instantly by a machine gun bullet on Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge,

France, about 5:30 p. m. Buried the following day in cemetery near Sailly-Laurette.

Ludtke, 1387411, Pvt. Richard, Co. E. Information given by Alfred N. Clissold, 1st Lieut. Co. E.

He was killed at Hamel July 4, 1918. He left his platoon and was with Australians. Apparently he was actually struck by a shell; the upper part of his body was buried. He had no opportunity to speak. He entered the action in great spirits and had no fear for himself.

Lukasiak, 1386329, Pvt. Gus, Co. A. Information given by Richard O. Lundin, Pvt. Co. A.

During the Somme offensive on Aug. 9, 1918, we were advancing through Malard Wood. Pvt. Lukasiak was a few feet away, and was hit in the heart by a machine gun bullet. By the time that I reached him he was dead.

Malinski, 2152369, Pvt. Aloysius, Co. H. Information given by 1st Sgt., Co. H. This soldier was carried on our rolls as missing in action from Aug. 9, 1918, until about the last part of the month. He was then reported as having been buried on the battlefield at Chipilly Ridge, France. None of the members of this company saw him hit or saw his body lying on the field.

Mann, 2060934, Pvt. Willard, Co. G. Information given by Alphonse Den Doovan, Pvt. Co. G.

I was in a shell hole with Pvt. Mann waiting for our own barrage to lift, so that we could advance our attack in the battle of Gressaire Wood and Chipilly Ridge on Aug. 9, 1918, when he was hit by a machine gun bullet in the chest. Saying, "They got me," he died immediately. I went on for the attack and left Mann in the shell hole.

Manusevitz, 2427139, Pvt. Harry, Co. K. Information given by Harry E. Sargent, Pvt. Co. K.

Pvt. Manusevitz was instantly killed by a machine gun bullet through the head between 6 and 7 a. m., Oct. 12, 1918. I was with him at the time.

Marchant, 1st Lieut. John R., Co. D. Information given by David W. Sharp, 1st Lieut. Co. D.

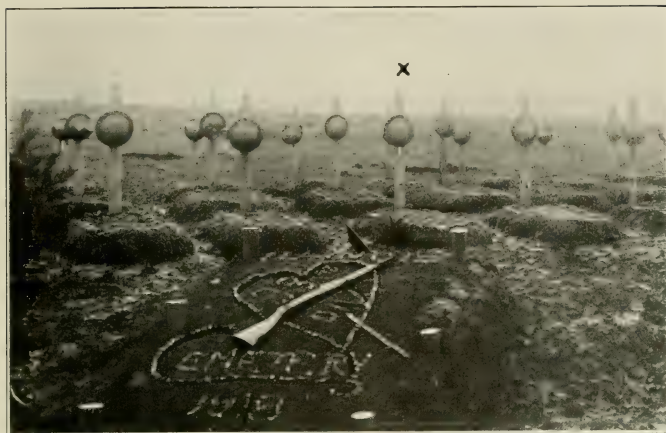
Lieut. Marchant was killed on Oct. 11, 1918, at 11 a. m. by a shell (115 mm.) while giving instructions to Pvt. Piner, company runner, in regard to a message he was sending. His last words to us were: "How are you coming on with that casualty report?" and upon my reply (Sgt. Von Allmen), "All right," he said, "I didn't imagine very well, with all these shells landing about." The lieutenant was killed instantly by the concussion of a shell, as there were no cuts on the body. Company headquarters was located about 100 yards behind the front line in a large shell hole. We were all under observation at the time.

Martin, 3512152, Pvt. Charles W., Co. E.

Died of disease at Evacuation hospital No. 13 per notice from hospital.

Matson, 2155365, Pvt. Niels M., Co. G. Information given by John T. Guy, Cpl. Co. G.

On Aug. 10, 1918, about 2:30 in the afternoon, at Gressaire Woods, after the battle of Chipilly Ridge, Pvt. Matson was sent out on a patrol consisting of about twenty-five men, in charge of Lieut. Fitzpatrick. I was in rear of the patrol, who were creeping along and trying to get a sniper who was in a tank. Matson was hit by the sniper and when I saw his body about an hour and a half later (5 o'clock) I found the bullet had entered his brain and undoubtedly had killed him instantly.



GRAVE OF 1ST LIEUT. JOHN R. MARCHANT NEAR SIVRY SUR MEUSE

McAllister, 1388257, Pvt. Harry E., Co. E. Information given by James Jackson, 1st Sgt. Co. K.

Pvt. McAllister was killed by a rifle bullet while on duty at company headquarters at 3:45 p. m., July 18, 1918. Location: Map "A" 120000 U 22 D 2-5 Baizeaux System, Vaden Sector. He was sitting in the trench, his back to the rear wall facing Warloy, from which direction the bullet came. The bullet was evidently nearly spent, as it must have entered the trench at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizontal to hit a man in that position; nor did the bullet go completely through the body. I was sitting about ten feet from him when he was hit. The bullet entered just above the heart. He lived about five minutes after being hit.

McBroom, 2154865, Pvt. Harold, Co. G. Information given by Frank J. Faugsted, Mech. Co. G.

About 1:30 in the afternoon of Oct. 9, 1918, after reaching our objective in the battle of Bois de Chaume, we made use of some small trenches that the Germans had abandoned. Heavy shelling was coming from the German lines, and I suggested to Pvt. McBroom that we leave our place and find some cover that would protect us better. We left and started for a dugout, and as we came to same we found a man lying wounded on a stretcher, with three stretcher bearers of the 132nd Infantry with him. I was the only one that knew how to get back to the town of Consenvoye, so that medical attention could be given the wounded man. Maj. Gale of the 132nd Infantry suggested that I guide them and that Pvt. McBroom assist the other stretcher bearers. We all started back, the four men carrying the stretcher, and after having gone about an hour a high explosive shell hit about two feet from the stretcher, killing the man on the stretcher, the front two carriers and wounding Pvt. McBroom and another stretcher bearer. I was dazed by the shock of the shell, and on getting up dressed the wounds of Pvt. McBroom, but could do nothing for the other wounded man. McBroom was con-

scious all the time. I rolled him some cigarettes and left him as comfortable as possible and went on to the town of Consenvoye for help and a stretcher in order to get McBroom and the other wounded man back for medical attention. I secured this help, got Pvt. McBroom and the other man back to the first aid station at Consenvoye and there saw his wounds dressed. He was then taken to a field hospital and then transported by ambulance to a base hospital. He was fully conscious when I saw him last and smiling. Advice later received from the hospital were to the effect that Pvt. McBroom had died in the hospital.

McDaniel, 3085875, Pvt. Ben H., Co. H. Information given by Ralph J. Fanelli, Pvt. Co. H.

McDaniel was struck by shrapnel while on patrol near St. Hilaire, France, Nov. 7, 1918. I spoke to him and asked him his name, and all he could say was "Daniel," and that he would not live. I gave him water and had to leave him. He was in a dying condition when I left him.

McLaughlin, 1388440, Pvt. Thomas F., Co. L. Information given by Frank Allison, Cpl. Co. L.; David Kadison, Cpl. Co. L.

Pvt. McLaughlin was killed Nov. 10, 1918, 2:30 p. m., in Bois de Harville Wood. He was advancing with his company through wood when he was killed instantly by rifle bullet which pierced his heart. Last words were: "They got me, lieutenant." Two days later myself and a sergeant went up to the wood, picked him up and had him sent back to the grave yard in Hannonville, France. The following day his brother John of 108th Eng. Co., Co. B., came up to Thillot, and we went up to Hannonville, where he, Cpl. Kadison, Sgt. Wingerter, Cpl. Beck, Sgt. Runyan, a friend of John's and myself buried him. His burial was conducted by our Catholic chaplain.

McQuade, 1386174, James D., Sup. Co. Information given by Albert F. Cade, 1st Sgt. Sup. Co.

McQuade was attached for duty with the 3d battalion transport. During the last week in March he contracted a severe cold through exposure, and on March 28 was evacuated to Evacuation hospital No. 13 at Walferdange, Luxembourg, suffering with pneumonia. My next information concerning him was a telegram from the hospital authorities announcing his death from that cause on April 1. A subsequent letter stated he had been interred in the American cemetery at Walferdange.

Meyer, 1387420, Pvt. Joseph, Co. E. Information given by Ignatius P. Golla, Pvt. 1st Co. E.

Meyer picked up a German hand grenade, which exploded and blew one hand off and made a hole in his stomach. He died instantly and had nothing to say. Occurred at Hamel, France, July 4, 1918.

Michael, 2152133, Pvt. Albert H., Co. K. Information given by Charles Pils, Sgt. Co. K.

Pvt. Michael was killed by a sniper's bullet near Bray-sur-Somme, France, Aug. 19, 1918. He had crawled out of the trench and was in a small clump of bushes. The bullet passed through his steel helmet and entered his forehead, killing him instantly. He was buried near the spot where he was killed.

Michel, 2061650, Pvt. Arthur N., Co. D. Information given by Flavian G. Gallois, Cpl. Co. D.

Pvt. Michel was hit in the forehead by a fragment of shell at about 3 p. m. on Oct. 10, 1918, in the Bois de Chaume, near Consenvoye. When found by me he was unconscious, and never regained consciousness.



GRAVE OF PVT. O. C. CLEMENSON, CO. E

Milewski, 1386179, Pvt. Frank, Co. C. Information given by 1st Sgt. Co. G.

Pvt. Milewski was on special duty with the supply company of this regiment at the time of his death. No member of this company has any personal knowledge of the circumstances surrounding his death. It was reported to us that he was brushed from the top of the train on Aug. 24 while enroute from Amiens to Ligny. This happened near the town of Chalifert (Seine at Marne), France. We were advised that he was buried by the French in a local cemetery.

Miller, 2151893, Pvt. Clarence, Co. K. Information given by David C. MacGillivray, Cpl. Co. K.

Private Miller was killed by a sniper's bullet near Bray-sur-Somme, France, Aug. 19, 1918. He was a member of my squad, which was on outpost duty in front of the town of Bray. About 11 a. m. it was his turn to go on guard and the rest of us were preparing to get some sleep. Before his going on guard, however, I cautioned him about showing his head above the parapet, as we were under direct observation. At the time he was hit the rest of us were sleeping, but he undoubtedly raised his head a little too high, as the bullet had passed through his helmet and into the center of his forehead, killing him instantly. When he was hit he fell across the feet of one of the men who was sleeping, who noticed that he was bleeding and called me, and when I got to his side he was dead. He was buried near the trench where he was killed.

Miller, 2153102, Pvt. Marshall P., Co. D. Information given by Walter G. Peabody, Sgt. Co. D.

Pvt. Miller was hit in the head by a rifle bullet on Oct. 11, 1918, about 1:30 p. m. at Sivry-sur-Meuse. He died instantly.

Mills, 1388261, Cpl. Raymond C., Co. K. Information given by Raymond F. Fiedler, Capt.

Cpl. Mills was taken sick Jan. 16, 1919, while at Nommern, Luxembourg, and died some time during the month of February, 1919, exact date not known.

Minnick, 2155118, Pvt. Harold C., Co. G. Information given by Charles L. Russell, Mech. Co. G.

Pvt. Minnick was on my right, Aug. 9, 1918, in the battle of Gressaire Wood and Chipilly Ridge, and I saw him fall, hit by a machine gun bullet in the chest. He fell face down and to the best of my knowledge died immediately, uttering no words whatever.

Miskowicz, 2086829, Pvt. Frank, Co. D. Information given by Walter G. Peabody, Sgt. Co. D.

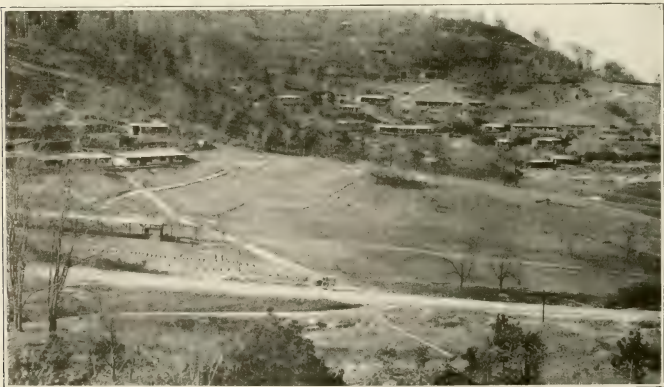
Pvt. Miskowicz was hit in the left side and breast by shrapnel on Oct. 10, 1918, about 1:30 p. m., near Consenvoye. He died instantly.

Murray, 1387772, Pvt. John J., Co. G. Information given by Clarence D. Hansel, Pvt. Co. G.

I was about ten feet from Pvt. Murray when he was hit by fragments from a high explosive shell on Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, about 6 p. m., about a half hour after the attack had started. The shell fragments hit him in the leg and right side, killing him instantly. I went over to him right away, but he was dead and I could do nothing for him.

Neal, 1386338, Pvt. Ruel, Co. A. Information given by Max L. Kabin, Pvt. 1cl. Co. A.

On Oct. 2, 1918, we were sleeping in dugouts along the Meuse river right across the river from the town of Consenvoye. About 5 p. m. the enemy started shelling our position, and one of the shells made a direct hit on our dugout. I was sleeping on the ground, and Neal and Ciaccio were in bunks over me. The explosion of the shell buried us underneath the ground. I could feel someone's blood



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dripping down on my face. A few minutes later our comrades came to our assistance and dug us out. Neal was dead when they unearthed his body.

Norman, 1978004, Pvt. Maurice, Co. G. Information given by William C. Doran, Cpl. Co. G.

In the battle at Bois de Chaume, Oct. 9, 1918, we had reached our final objective, and about an hour after we had dug in, around 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Germans counter attacked. I was about four feet from Pvt. Norman when a high explosive shell hit in front of the trench he was in, and I saw him blown up in the air. I immediately secured better protection away from this spot, and to the best of my knowledge Pvt. Norman was killed instantly and I heard no words from him.

O'Donnell, 1388671, Mess Sgt. Thomas F., Co. M. Information given by Thomas R. Cass, Sgt. Co. M.

Sgt. Thomas F. O'Donnell died at 3:55 p. m. on April 4, 1919, at Evacuation hospital No. 13, Walferdingen, Luxembourg. He was buried in the military extension of the Walferdingen Commune cemetery on the afternoon of April 5, 1919. His case was diagnosed as bronchial pneumonia.

Oftedahl, 1391389, Pvt. Norman E., Co. H. Information given by Sol C. Fairman, Sgt. Co. H.

Oftedahl was hit by shrapnel near the right hip on Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France. He only advanced upon one and a half kilos at the time of his misfortune. All he could do was groan. I picked him up and carried him to the first aid. He was still in a state of coma when I left him.

Ohlhaver, 1387250, Sgt. LaVerne, Co. E. Information given by Herbert F. Paschal, Sgt. Co. E.

Killed by machine gun fire on Aug. 10, 1918, at about 7 a. m. He was instantly killed at the edge of Gressaire Wood on a trail leading toward our front line. The bullet penetrated his helmet, entered his forehead and came out through the back of his head. Map reference 62D NW K 23 b23 Gressaire Wood.

Olson, 2151645, Pvt. Walter A., Co. K. Information given by John Hertel, Pvt. 1cl. Co. K.

Pvt. Olson was wounded about 3 a. m., Sept. 29, 1918, while on patrol on the enemy east side of the Meuse river. We were about 500 yards south of Sivry-sur-Meuse, when we came in contact with a German patrol. Pvt. Olson was mortally wounded in the head in two places by a hand grenade. We carried him back across the river to our 1st battalion, where his wounds were bandaged, then carried him on a stretcher to 2nd Bn. headquarters, and then to our first aid station, where he died at about 7:30 a. m., Sept. 29, 1918. He never regained consciousness after being wounded.

Opsomer, 1387773, Pvt. Raymond, Co. G. Information given by Pat E. Devine, Pvt. Co. G.

At the battle of Chipilly Ridge, Aug. 9, 1918, I was about twenty-five yards from Pvt. Opsomer when he was hit by a bullet and saw him fall. This happened about a half an hour after the attack had started or around 6 o'clock. When I got up to him he was dead.

Osabo, 2061297, Pvt. Joseph, Co. D. Information given by Walter G. Peabody, Sgt. Co. D.

Pvt. Osabo was killed instantly by a machine gun bullet, which passed through his heart. This occurred about 6:15 a. m. on Oct. 10, 1918. This was a few minutes



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after starting the advance near Consenvoye at the edge of the Bois de Chaume. He was a member of an automatic rifle squad.

Overholser, 1387435, Pvt. Joseph W., Co. E. Information given by Alexander Musloff, Pvt. Co. E.

He was wounded at Hamel on July 4, 1918. I was a stretcher bearer and saw him at the dressing station. His wounds were in the leg and lower abdomen. He was smoking a cigarette, but did not seem capable of speaking. He died in a hospital.

Parks, 1386450, Pvt. Raymond C., Co. A. Information given by Floyd F. Hayhurst, Cpl. Co. A.

On Aug. 9, 1918, while we were advancing Pvt. Parks, who was a few feet away from me, was hit with a machine gun bullet in the chest. He fell to the ground unconscious, and later was carried to the 1st aid station and then to the hospital. A few weeks later I heard that he died in the hospital.

Payne, 3275357, Pvt. Orville, Co. F. Information given by Carson P. Scott, Pvt. Co. F.

Payne was a member of my squad. About daylight we left St. Hilaire to attack Butgneville. We met strong resistance from machine gun fire when we came close to the town. We halted and lay down. Payne was lying about six feet from me on my right. While lying there he was struck by a bullet and killed instantly. His body was brought back later in the day and I think that he was buried at Hannonville, France, American cemetery.

Perrone, 1944926, Pvt. Phillip, Co. C. Information given by Charles O. Baptista, 1st Sgt. Co. C.

Soldier was wounded at Forges Wood on Oct. 8, 1918. No official information has been received by this organization that soldier has died.

Peterson, 3485942, Pvt. Henning W., Co. I.

No information.

Petty, 1386691, Pvt. Willard, Co. B. Information given by Arthur J. Gunderson, Sgt. Co. B.

Hit by an exploding shell while attempting to aid a wounded officer. Hit in stomach tearing stomach practically out. Lived two hours after being hit on Oct. 10, 1918, near Consenvoye, France.

Piner, 1387082, Pvt. Charles, Co. D. Information given by William Von Allmen, Sgt. Co. D.

Pvt. Piner was a company runner. He was killed Oct. 11, 1918, about 11 a. m. by a shell at company headquarters, while receiving instructions about a message from Lieut. Marchant, who was also killed. Company headquarters at that time was a large shell hole. Pvt. Piner was killed instantly.

Piskosz, 1388459, Pvt. Theofil, Co. L. Information given by Joseph S. Zydel, Pvt. Co. L.

Pvt. Piskosz was wounded on the Meuse on Oct. 10, 1918, while in the act of digging shelter for himself. I spoke to him, and he began to cry, saying: "My dear friend, I know I am going. I feel as if my stomach was blown away. I thank you for everything you did for me. Good bye." At the same time that I spoke to him I did not think that he was wounded fatally; he was so calm and did not appear to be suffering. I had to leave him there and informed two of the boys of his being wounded and they carried him off to the first aid station.

Platt, 1388728, Pvt. Louis, Co. G. Information given by William Jones, 1st Sgt. Co. G.

On Oct. 9, 1918, about 3 p. m. at Bois de Chaume, on the east bank of the Meuse, after reaching our final objective, we dug in, and were preparing to defend our position. Pvt. Platt left his place in the newly dug trench to obtain ammunition from the bodies of some dead American soldiers about a hundred feet distant. Securing the ammunition he came back to his place in the trench, and he had barely deposited the ammunition at his side, when he was hit by two machine gun bullets, one hitting him in the forehead and another entering his heart. Groaning, he fell, and died instantly, uttering no word. Pvt. Platt was in the next hole to me, about fifteen feet away.

Prather, 1977678, Pvt. John T., Co. F.

No information.

Preston, Capt. Louis, Co. B.

Died in hospital. No information available.

Pretlzk, 1388564, William, Mech. Co. L.

Died in Evacuation hospital No. 13 of broncho pneumonia acute, April 6, 1919.

Quinn, 1386704, Pvt. John, Co. B. Information given by Sidney C. Maguire, Sgt. Co. B.; Ebbie George, Pvt. Co. B.

Hit in the left groin by a machine gun bullet on Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France. Died before he could be removed from battlefield. Buried the following day in cemetery near Sailly-Laurette, France.

Ralls, 2154778, Cpl. Harold G., Co. G. Information given by John T. Guy, Cpl. Co. G.

Cpl. Ralls was wounded slightly in the foot at Bois de Chaume on Oct. 9, 1918. He was taken to the base hospital at Allerey, France. His wound healed and he recovered from that. I went to the hospital at Allerey on Oct. 15, 1918, suffering from gas. While there Cpl. Ralls contracted pneumonia and died, I believe on

October 20. I saw his grave later, marked with a cross, etc. This grave at Allerey, France.

Randell, 1385935, Pvt. Edward C., Hq. Co. Information given by Edward A. Rohr, Pvt. Hq. Co.

Edward Randell was instantly killed by a shell fragment at about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Aug. 12, 1918, at the edge of Gressaire Wood just east of Chipilly Ridge, near Eitnehem. We were on a carrying party bringing up rations and ammunition to the members of our platoon, who were in position near the Bray-Corbie road. We had just entered the wood on our way up when a number of high explosive and gas shells came over, and one of them struck in the middle of our party, killing Randell and wounding a number of others.

Reeder, 1337233, Cpl. John P., Co. E. Information given by Stewart E. Muschott, Cpl. Co. E.

Died of pneumonia. Left the line at Hamel the night of July 6. I was with him in formation when he asked me to help him along, as he felt sick. I took his arm and called stretcher bearers. He was carried to brigade headquarters, and as he left called back to me that he would be back with the company in a few days.

Riddell, 1978268, Pvt. George, Co. K. Information given by Andrew G. Haverkamp, Pvt. Co. K.

Pvt. Riddell was hit through the neck by a machine gun bullet. He died instantly, about 7 a. m., Oct. 12, 1918, near Sivry-sur-Meuse. I helped carry him from our position to burial place in Bois de Chaume.

Information given by Peter McHugh, Cpl. Co. K.

Pvt. Riddell was hit while on outpost duty about 7 a. m., Oct. 12, 1918, during a counter attack by the Germans on our position east of Sivry-sur-Meuse, France. He was hit by a machine gun bullet in the spine about at the waist line. His last words were "Oh." He died instantly. Several men carried his body back to the rear of our lines in the Bois de Chaume.

Information given by Joseph P. Hannon, Pvt. 1cl. Co. K.

I helped carry Pvt. Riddell to our lines. I was with him when he died from a bullet wound.

Riddle, 2661399, Sgt. Lawrence S., Co. I. Information given by Chester C. Wesslund, Co. I.

Sgt. Riddle was in the first wave of the attack on the afternoon of Nov. 10, 1918. I was in the second wave about forty yards directly in rear of Sgt. Riddle. We had advanced across an open space about seventy-five yards wide when we were fired upon by the enemy. We at once dropped to the ground and remained down for about two minutes. It seemed as if they had slowed up their fire, and Sgt. Riddle stood up and said, "Let's go." He had no sooner said this than he was struck in the neck by a bullet. He fell to the ground and was facing the rear. He raised to a sitting position with his hand on his neck and then fell back. This action took place about two kilos east of Donnicourt, and his death took place about 3 in the afternoon.

Rindfish, 1387265, Cpl. Elmer, Co. E.

Was killed at Chipilly Ridge, France, and is believed to have been buried in American cemetery nearby.

Rosell, 2061784, Cpl. William J., Co. B. Information given by Hubert Monzel, Pvt. Co. B.; Ebbie George, Pvt. Co. B.

Hit by a machine gun bullet and died instantly while attempting to fire his machine gun on Oct. 10, 1918, near Consenvoye, France.

Rosenthal, 1392634, Pvt. Samuel, Co. G.

Died in hospital.

Rottenberg, 1386343, Pvt. Samuel, Co. A. Information given by Howard F. Parker, Pvt. Co. A.

On Aug. 13, 1918, this company was holding the line near Gressaire Wood. Pvt. Rottenberg was detailed to battalion headquarters, intelligence section. He was in a shell hole observing. About noon I went over to the shell hole to notify him that the noon meal was ready and found him dead. His body was still warm, and I do not think that he had been dead over ten minutes before I found him. A piece of shrapnel had pierced his neck and another piece had also gone through his canteen and into his body.

Rudolph, 1386708, Pvt. Arlie L., Co. B.

No information.

Ruth, 1386499, 1st Sgt. Linus C., Co. B. Information given by John L. McCarthy, Cpl. Co. B.

Hit in leg by a machine gun bullet during the action at Chipilly Ridge, France, Aug. 9, 1918. Died on or about Aug. 28, 1918, while in General hospital No. 16, LeTreport, France.

Sanders, 1387953, Pvt. Marion W., Co. H. Information given by John S. Beato, Cpl. Co. H.

Sanders was hit by shrapnel at Chipilly Ridge, France, on Aug. 9, 1918. He died instantly.

Scalzitti, 1388475, Pvt. Constantine, Co. L. Information given by Albert Grover Lemmon, Sgt. Co. L.

Pvt. Scalzitti was killed on sunken road east of the town of Eitnehem, a good 500 yards from the town, during Chipilly-Gressaire Wood engagement, in moving from the old trenches in front of Gressaire Wood to take up position north of town of Eitnehem. Last seen Aug. 17, 1918. He was killed by direct hit of a H. E. shell. No statement. He was left in church in town of Eitnehem.

Scheer, 3767384, Pvt. Charles W. F., Co. F. Information given by William G. Bolander, Pvt. Co. F.

Scheer was a member of my squad. We started about 5 p. m., Nov. 11, 1918, from St. Hilaire to attack Butgneville. I don't remember seeing him after we started. After firing ceased at 11 a. m. I started back to St. Hilaire. I found Scheer near the starting place. He was wounded in the head and back by the fragments of a shell. He was still alive at that time, but could not talk. He was carried back to the ambulance and removed from the field. I don't know how long he lived.

Schill, 1977859, Pvt. Joe, Co. D. Information given by William Thompson, Cpl. Co. D.

Pvt. Schill was a gun pointer in an automatic rifle squad. Killed Aug. 9, 1918, about 5 p. m. at Gressaire Wood. He died instantly, being hit by a bullet that passed through a comrade's pack and struck him in the heart. Was hit while advancing on the enemy.

Schlinski, 1387678, Sgt. Joseph, Co. G. Information given by William O. Dodder, Cpl. Co. G.

I was about fifteen feet from Sgt. Schlinski when he was hit, bullet entering his body just below the heart. This happened on the morning of Sept. 26, 1918, at the battle of Bois de Forges. I immediately went to him and found him unconscious. Cared for him and he was taken to the rear and later to the hospital,

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where I heard he died. Notification from C. R. O. to Co. G., dated Nov. 16, 1918, to the effect that he died at Field hospital No. 132 from gunshot wound. Date not given.

Schmidt, 465544, Pvt. Herman A., Co. E. Information given by Robert W. Gillespie, Pvt. Co. E.

Killed at Hamel July 4, 1918, by shrapnel. Just as we started to advance an overhead shell burst right over my squad. Schmidt was struck in the leg. I took him to the dressing station, but he died just after our arrival there. He did not speak much. I do not remember anything he said.

Schmidt, 1387524, Mech. Paul B., Co. F. Information given by Walter F. Nienstedt, Cpl. Co. F.

On Aug. 9, 1918, our regiment captured Chipilly Ridge. Our company took part in this attack. We reached our objective about 6 p. m. We were talking over the fighting with several others. Schmidt was standing three or four steps away from me smoking. Suddenly he exclaimed, "I am shot." He pressed his hands to his heart. We got him under cover and gave him first aid. He was later carried back to the first aid station. He talked very little after being wounded. He spoke of being cold once.

Schneider, 1388477, Cpl. Harold M., Co. L. Information given by Albert G. Lemmon, Sgt. Co. L.

On Oct. 10, 1918, at about 3 p. m. in the Bois de Chaume offensive Cpl. Schneider was severely wounded in the left leg. After being dressed he was removed to the first aid station at Consenvoye, arriving there about 6 p. m. the same date, and after receiving attention there he was sent to a hospital, where he died later of the wound.

Schraeder, 1387207, Pvt. Tony P., Co. D. Information given by Walter G. Peabody, Sgt. Co. D.

Pvt. Schraeder was hit in the left side by a machine gun bullet about 6:15 a. m. on Oct. 10, 1918, near Consenvoye Wood. He was given first aid treatment, but died while being taken back to a hospital.

Schrauer, 2nd Lieut. Maurice V., Co. G. Information given by George H. Maser, Pvt. Co. G.

I was in Lieut. Schrauer's platoon in the battle of Bois de Forges when we left the trenches at Mort Homme (Dead Man's Hill) at 5:30 a. m. on the morning of Sept. 26, 1918. The attack had advanced about a half an hour and we had just crossed the swamp in front of our jumping off place. Lieut. Schrauer sent me over to Lieut. Beebe, in command of our company, to find where he wanted our platoon. I took the message and reported back to Lieut. Schrauer, who immediately started to give instructions to move his platoon and gave the command "Right face." About a half second later a high explosive shell landed about fifteen feet from the lieutenant and a fragment struck him. I heard him call out, "Oh God, help," and to the best of my knowledge he died immediately after. A smoke screen was being laid down and it was difficult to see much after that. We proceeded on in the attack, leaving the lieutenant, where he was cared for the next day.

Information given by William E. Hall, Pvt. Co. G.

I saw Lieut. Schrauer hit by a high explosive shell fragment at the battle of Bois de Forges. We had left the trenches at Mort Homme (Dead Man's Hill) at 5:30 a. m. on the morning of Sept. 26, 1918. We had advanced about a half hour and the shelling was hard. I had just fallen into a shell hole for protection from

a shell when a shell landed near Lieut. Schrauer and he fell over into my hole and beside me, crying out, "Oh God, help." I examined him immediately, but he had died instantly.

Schultz, 1387779, Bugler Eli H., Co. G. Information given by William Jones, 1st Sgt. Co. G.

On Oct. 9, 1918, about 5 o'clock p. m. at Bois de Chaume, on east bank of the Meuse, part of this company was forced to fall back, lacking proper support. As we were going over the top of the hill Bugler Eli H. Schultz was hit by machine gun bullet. I saw him fall about thirty feet away from me. At the time he fell we were under very heavy machine gun fire. The Germans advanced and dug in at a position this side of where Schultz fell. About a month later we received word from regimental headquarters that Schultz had been buried by Capt. Nickerson.

Seskarski, 1386014, Cpl. William J., Machine Gun Co. Information given by William F. Smith, Sgt. Machine Gun Co.

Severely wounded at Chipilly Ridge Aug. 16, 1918, at 11:30 a. m. while distributing rations to company. Several pieces of shell hit him in the body and three in the leg. From what we learn death resulted from loss of blood caused by the wound in the leg. While on the way to hospital he is supposed to have removed the bandage from his leg, owing to the pain, and by so doing the loss of blood was so great it caused his death.

Sheridan, 2061764, Pvt. Michael A., Co. I. Information given by Sylvester F. Adrians, Cpl. Co. I.

On the afternoon of Oct. 10, 1918, after the attack on the east bank of the Meuse, I was carrying back a wounded American soldier to the first aid station. While going back I met Pvt. Sheridan, who told me that a man from Co. I had been killed, and I asked him who it was. He said he did not know who it was, but asked me if I would find out. At this time a guard with seven German prisoners came along. Three of the prisoners, with an American, took charge of the wounded man and went on towards the first aid station. I went over to the dead man from Co. I, and after identifying him I started after the stretcher detail. Sheridan left me, but I did notice where he went. At this time the Germans started shelling, and a H. E. shell exploded amongst a group of men about seventy-five yards ahead of me. When I got up there I noticed a man lying on the ground and saw that it was Sheridan. He was unconscious and had been struck by shrapnel in the head, neck and shoulder. I bandaged his wounds, but he never regained consciousness, dying in my arms about five minutes later. This took place near Bois de Chaume.

Shimko, 1386955, Pvt. Demostene, Co. C. Information given by Joseph Brown, Sgt. Co. C.

While going over the top at Gressaire Wood on the Somme at 5:30 p. m., Aug. 9, 1918, he was pierced through forehead with machine gun bullet. Was unconscious; made no statements. Two German prisoners dressed his wound and then carried him to dressing station, where he died about two hours later.

Shumway, 1386849, Pvt. Howard E., Co. C. Information given by Henry O. Severson, Pvt. 1st. Co. C.

During the Somme offensive on Aug. 15, 1918, the company had relieved an Australian battalion in front of the village of Bray. The automatic gun squad of which I was a member had taken a position in a pit in the edge of the cliff, about 400 yards southwest of the edge of the village. About daylight the enemy shelled our entire front line heavily. One light artillery shell hit the edge of the

pit in which our squad was located, partially burying most of the crew. Upon recovering from the effects of the explosion we found that Cpl. Tunison, Pvt. Shumway and myself had been seriously wounded. I was able to walk back, going back with the litter bearers, who carried Pvt. Shumway, who was unconscious. Pvt. Shumway died very shortly after reaching the first aid station and without regaining consciousness.

Sibrava, 1387732, Cpl. James J., Co. G.

Died in hospital.

Sieracki, 1387461, Pvt. Xavier, Co. E. Information given by Clyde Ware, Pvt. Co. E.

Killed on the east bank of the Meuse on the night of Oct. 8, 1918. He was sleeping next to a lieutenant. A shell burst and a piece struck him through the chest. He never woke up; death was instantaneous.

Simmons, 2661324, Sgt. Charles A., Co. M. Information given by Albert A. Dutton, Sgt. Co. M.

We were in a short trench on the ridge east of Sivry, France, when Sgt. Simmons was hit by a shell. The shell struck the edge of the trench, and pieces penetrated his left shoulder and head, killing him instantly. This occurred about 1 p. m. on Oct. 11, 1918.

Simmons, 1977995, Pvt. Orla Russell, Co. M. Information given by Edward F. Hamilton, 2nd Lieut. Co. M.

Pvt. Simmons was last seen by Sgt. John J. Murray on the night of Nov. 8, 1918, about 300 yards from St. Hilaire, where this company had a patrol of 100 men. He was carried as missing in action till Feb. 22, 1919, when same was changed to killed in action upon orders from regimental headquarters.

Simpson, 1st Lieut. William E., Co. E. Information given by Frank Bastl, Pvt. Co. E.

Killed by shrapnel on Nov. 10, 1918, at 3 p. m. at Doncourt Wood. The lieutenant was wounded in back of the head, through chest and wrist. He lost consciousness and tried to speak, but could only groan. Buried in American cemetery near Hannouville.

Singleton, 1977613, Pvt. Custer, Co. G. Information given by Arthur L. Danis, Cpl. Co. G.

I was about six yards from Pvt. Singleton when he was hit by a machine gun bullet about 8 a. m. on the morning of Sept. 26, 1918, in the battle of Bois de Forges. We had gone "over the top" at "Dead Man's Hill" at 5:30 that morning. The bullet entered his body right over his heart. I went to him and bandaged him up as best I could and called his name, but he only opened his eyes, shook his head and said nothing. Singleton was taken back to the first aid station, where he died a couple of hours later. I had gone on in the attack.

Slade, 517968, Pvt. George, Co. F. Information given by James T. Pittman, Pvt. Co. F.

Slade and myself were in the same platoon together on November 8, when our company captured Wadonville (Troyon Sector). Shortly after the beginning of the attack he received a direct hit from a shell, dying instantly. This was the last time I saw him. His body had been removed before I came back.

Smerlin, 2059406, Pvt. Andrew J., Co. L. Information given by Charles A. Schmitt, Cpl. Co. L.

On Sept. 26, 1918, Pvt. Smerlin and myself were wounded with the same shell. Pvt. Smerlin was also shell-shocked, and he started back to the first aid station,

not knowing what he was doing. He got on top of the parapet instead of going through the trenches, and was again wounded by German machine gun barrage. I found him again lying in the trench which we occupied before we went over, with about fifteen to twenty bullet wounds up and down his left side. I told the first aid station where he was lying and they went out and picked him up, and he was still alive. The last thing I heard Pvt. Smerlin say was "Give me first aid," and I never saw him again. After they picked him up later on I heard that he died in the field hospital. This all happened on September 26 at Dead Man's Hill.

Sorensen, 2158231, Pvt. Henry C., Co. C. Information given by Neal G. Fogg, Mess Sgt. Co. C.

During the Somme offensive on Aug. 10, 1918, the company had reached a line just west of the village of Eitnehem. I was in charge of a battalion ration party and had brought rations to a point in the wooded valley about a kilometer west of the line. Pvt. Sorenson had been sent back from the front line for water and was waiting at the ration point for other members of the ration party, when a high explosive gas shell struck in the midst of the rations very close to a dixy, on which Pvt. Sorenson was sitting. I was about twenty-five yards away when the shell struck. About twenty minutes later, when I was able to investigate the locality, I found Pvt. Sorenson dead, he apparently having been killed instantaneously. One other man was killed and five wounded by the same shell.

Sparachino, 1385942, Pvt. Anthony, Hq. Co. Information given by Merlyn F. Crowley, Sgt. Hq. Co.

He was killed at about 5:30 a. m. on the morning of Sept. 26, 1919, at Forges Creek in front of Le Cote de Mort Homme. We had just formed up ready to advance, and Sparachino, who was carrying trench mortar ammunition for my gun team, had stopped to pick up his sack of ammunition when one of Vutrick's (who was next to him) shells exploded, killing them both instantly.

Stade, 1387968, Pvt. Henry W., Co. H. Information given by Harold G. McConnell, Cpl. Co. H.

Stade was killed while on patrol near St. Hilaire, France, on Nov. 7, 1918. He was a member of my squad at the time, and while we were advancing toward the enemy's line he was struck by shrapnel and died instantly.

Standish, 3485048, Pvt. James, Co. D. Information given by Samuel R. Rosenberg, Cpl. Co. D.

Pvt. James Standish was a member of my squad and was killed during the counter attack on Oct. 12, 1918, in front of Consenvoye. He was struck in the forehead by a bullet and killed instantly.

Information given by John C. Speith, Pvt. Co. D.

Pvt. Standish was killed instantly on Oct. 11, 1918, about 1:30 p. m. by a machine gun bullet, which struck him just below the eye. This occurred in the Bois de Chaume during a counter attack. He was wounded slightly on Oct. 10, 1918, by a piece of shrapnel, which struck him in the foot. He refused to go to the rear for medical attention.

Stephens, 1997894, Pvt. Jacob G., Co. H. Information given by Peter Paul Verzin, Sgt. Co. H.

Stephens was a stretcher bearer in the action of Sept. 26, 1918, at Mort Homme, France. He was hit by shrapnel while carrying a wounded man to the rear and died instantly.

Sumner, 3499208, Pvt. William H., Co. F. Information given by Emil O. Kosick, Cpl. Co. F.

Sumner was a member of my squad. Our company started about daylight on

the morning of Nov. 11, 1918, from St. Hilaire to attack Butgniveville. We had only gone a short distance when he fell. One of my men stopped to examine him, and he found that he had been shot through the heart. He evidently died instantly.

Swanson, 2077923, Pvt. Carl H., Co. H. Information given by Peter P. Verzin, Sgt. Co. H.

I saw Swanson lying dead in a swamp in the action of Mort Homme, Sept. 26, 1918. He had been hit by a machine gun bullet through the head.

Swift, 1387041, Bugler Frank B., Co. D. Information given by Walter G. Peabody, Sgt. Co. D.

Bugler Swift was struck in the breast and in the leg by shrapnel about 4 a. m., Aug. 11, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge. He was given first aid treatment and died later while being taken to a hospital.

Teunones, 2078813, Pvt. Carl J., Co. E. Information given by Peter Thompson, Pvt. Co. E.

Killed at Hamel, July 4, 1918, at about 3:20 a. m. He was killed instantly by concussion. Buried about 1,000 yards in front of village of Hamel.

Treadman, 1387474, Pvt. William W., Co. E. Information given by William F. Sheehan, Co. E.

I was in the same trench section at Hamel July 4, 1918. He got upon the trench parapet to eat his lunch and a shell landed about ten feet from him. He was struck by a fragment in the chest. Death was instantaneous.

Triphon, 3557326, Pvt. Louis, Co. G.

No information.

Urbanski, 1387475, Pvt. Joseph A., Co. E. Information given by Ignatius Livatino, Pvt. Co. E.

Died of wounds received in action July 4, 1918, at Hamel, France. Acting as stretcher bearer I bound up his wounds. All he said was, "Is my leg still there?" We then carried him to the aid station.

Vairia, 1386479, Pvt. Joseph, Co. A. Information given by Robert M. Dilger, Pvt. 1cl. Co. A.

On Oct. 10, 1918, while we were advancing on the Bois de Chaume and Bois du Plat Chene, we were coming out of a valley, advancing up a high hill to our final objective. The enemy started shelling us heavily, and one of the shells landed almost at the feet of Vairia, blowing his legs off, killing him instantly.

Vayduc, 2060919, Pvt. 1cl. Julius, Co. K. Information given by Roy E. Newberger, Pvt. 1cl. Co. K.

Pvt. Vayduc was accidentally killed in a motor truck accident on March 2, 1919, near Fischback, Luxembourg, while returning from a division school at Vianden, Luxembourg. I was on the same truck as Pvt. Vayduc. We were running along a smooth road, not over ten miles per hour, when the truck skidded on some loose gravel and turned turtle. We all leaped to the ground except the driver of the truck and Pvt. Vayduc. I do not know why Pvt. Vayduc did not jump. When the truck turned over he was pinned beneath the body and his neck was broken, killing him instantly. He was buried in the American cemetery at Ettelbruck, Luxembourg.

Vincent, 1975719, Pvt. Harry, Co. L. Information given by Cecil E. Hartman, Pvt. Co. L.

During the east bank of the Meuse engagement Oct. 10, 1918, and while pushing forward in Bois de Chaume near Sivry, France, a very heavy enemy bombard-

ment fell in our midst. The first of this shelling caused Vincent's injury, and being too badly hurt to seek possible cover the later shells caused his death. This was also the fate of two other men that I know of, and in all the bodies were badly torn by shell fragments and shrapnel.

Vutrick, 1385773, Cpl. Martin F., Hq. Co. Information given by Merlyn F. Crowley, Sgt. Hq. Co.

Vutrick was instantly killed on the morning of Sept. 26, 1918, at about 5:30 a. m. near Forges Creek in front of le Mort Homme, just as my trench mortar gun team was preparing to advance. Vutrick, who was carrying ammunition for my gun team, stopped to pick up his sack of ammunition, and as he did so one of the shells exploded.

Walters, 1388502, Pvt. Fred W., Co. L. Information given by Oscar C. Wagner, Pvt. Co. L.

It was during the Meuse-Argonne offensive and on the night of Oct. 5, 1918, a gas shell from the German lines came through the window and exploded in a concrete dug-out in which Pvt. Walters was staying. At the time the shell exploded he was standing at the side of a table talking to another one of the boys. The table was directly in front of the window and the shell coming through the window struck the table and exploded. He was not struck by shrapnel, but his left leg was broken by part of the table and the liquid gas splashed over him. He was so stunned by the explosion that he never put his gas mask on. As soon as I got my mask on I helped carry Pvt. Walters into another dug-out which was just a few feet away and there washed his face and talked to him until he died, which was only a few minutes. He did not suffer and spoke only a few words, asking how badly his leg was hurt, and who else was hurt out of our bunch, as he called his comrades. He died within twenty minutes from the time the shell exploded.

Walz, 2150949, Pvt. George H., Co. I. Information given by Sidney Kohn, Pvt. 1cl. Co. I.

On the afternoon of Oct. 10, 1918, after the attack on the east bank of the Meuse, Pvt. Walz was wounded slightly in the head by machine gun bullet. I was helping him back to the 1st aid station and had to pass through the woods (Bois de Chaume) which was being heavily shelled by the enemy. A shell exploded about 10 feet in front of us and a piece of shrapnel struck Pvt. Walz in the throat, killing him instantly.

Wargula, 1388621, Pvt. Peter, Co. M. Information given by Hugh W. Short, Cpl.

Pvt. Wargula while on a patrol on the night of Aug. 10, 1918, to learn the positions of enemy forces, was struck by an enemy shell and instantly killed. This occurred at about 12 o'clock at night.

Waters, 2152450, Pvt. Ralph D., Co. H. Information given by James R. Collins, Sgt. Co. H.

Waters was in my squad at Chipilly Ridge, France, on Aug. 9, 1918. While we were going over the top he was hit by a machine gun bullet and died instantly. On the way up to the line he said: "Good-bye, corporal, this is my last."

Weber, 2158237, Pvt. 1cl. Elmer R., Co. L. Information given by Peter Pollos, Cpl.

On the 26th of September, 1918, Capt. Magner gave the first platoon orders to go out and give support to the engineers in building a bridge. Pvt. Weber was a member of this platoon. They crossed the swamp at about 5 p. m. Pvt. Weber was hit by shrapnel and was carried back to the hospital where he died later.

Week, 2152700, Pvt. Alfred, Co. H. Information given by Fred O. Labieh, Bugler Co. H.

I saw Week lying dead upon the battle field at Chipilly Ridge, France, on Aug. 9, 1918. He had been hit by shrapnel while advancing on the enemy.

Weiberg, 1386597, Cpl. F. O., Co. B. Information given by Sidney C. Maquire, Sgt. Co. B; Walter Stewart, Cpl. Co. B.

Killed instantly by a machine gun bullet on Aug. 9, 1918, at Chipilly Ridge, France. Buried the following day in cemetery near Saily-Laurette.

Weichselbraun, 1388504, Pvt. Fred C., Co. L. Per hospital notice.

Died in Evacuation hospital No. 13, of broncho pneumonia acute bilateral, March 20, 1918.

Westman, 2nd Lt. Robert C., Co. F. Information given by Joseph C. Ihde, Sgt. Co. F.

Lt. Westman was in command of my platoon. In the attack of Chipilly Ridge he was wounded at the start of the attack. He got a bullet in the jaw. This was about 5:30 p. m. He was apparently not badly injured. His last words to us were: "Good luck, boys." We could not stop so that was the last we saw of him.

Whitney, 2nd Lt. Francis W. Information given by Charles O. Baptista, 1st Sgt. Co. C.

Lt. Whitney was on special duty as liaison officer in the action east of the Meuse on Oct. 10, 1918. He was reported as having been wounded Oct. 10, 1918. He was reported as having died from wounds in Base hospital No. 52, Rimacourt, Haute (Marne), France, per letter RHQ March 5, 1919. Buried at Rimacourt, Haute (Marne), France, in American cemetery, Grave No. 83.

Whitson, 1387285, Cpl. Lester A., Co. E. Information given by William E. Schneider, Sgt. Co. E.

Killed at Forges Creek Sept. 26, 1918, by shell fire. I saw him in a shell hole severely wounded. I bandaged his wounds and he said: "I will pull through. Write to my folks." He died almost immediately.

Wiesse, 1977862, Pvt. Elmer, Co. A. Information given by Jesse B. Griffith, Sgt. Co. A.

During the Somme offensive of Aug. 9, 1918, while advancing, we were subjected to a terrific machine gun fire from the enemy. Passing a shell hole, I discovered Wiesse dead, he had only been dead a few minutes as his body was still warm. He had a machine gun bullet through his head.

Wilson, 1st Lt. Milton, Co. I. Information given by Chester C. Wesslund, Sgt. Co. I.

On Nov. 10, 1918, about 4 p. m., we gained our objective just outside the town of Donnicourt, when Lt. Wilson noticed a group of Germans with hands up. Thinking that they wanted to be taken prisoners, he ordered us not to fire on them, and he stepped out to motion them to come in. In doing so, he exposed himself to their fire. Two of the Germans were holding up their hands, and in that way were hiding a third German who manned a machine gun. As he stepped forth, the two men who were holding up their hands dropped to the ground, while the third opened fire with the machine gun, killing Lt. Wilson instantly.

Winandy, 2059030, Pvt. Joseph J., M. G. Co. Information given by William F. Smith, Sgt. M. G. Co.

Severely wounded at Chipilly Ridge Aug. 16, 1918, at 11:30 a. m., while distributing rations to the company. Shrapnel hit him in the abdomen and one piece in the forehead.

Wink, 2152458, Pvt. Henry O., Co. H. Information given by John A. Duncan, Pvt. Co. H.

I saw Wink lying dead in a field at Chipilly Ridge, France, on Aug. 9, 1918. He was hit by shrapnel in the leg and head.

Winter, 2088909, Pvt. Fred, Co. H. Information given by Clifford A. Babcock, Cpl. Co. H.

We were advancing at Chipilly Ridge, France, on Aug. 9, 1918. Winter was at my side. He was hit in the stomach by a machine gun bullet and I asked him if he was hurt badly. All he said was "Yes" and died a moment later.

Wisdom, 1386353, Cpl. Pierce A., Co. A.

No one in the company could be found who saw the death of Cpl. Wisdom. Everyone in the company was questioned in order to get any information possible, but without success. Sgt. Rohr who is now in the hospital was with Wisdom, and told some of the men in the company before he left that Wisdom was hit in the back of the head with a shell fragment, and died instantly, Nov. 10, 1918.

Wise, 1387584, Pvt. Alois, Co. F. Information given by Walter Amborski, Pvt.

Alois Wise and I were in the same platoon. After we reached our objective at Chipilly Ridge, and dug in, I went on guard and Wise was out on patrol. He was passing within a few yards of me when he was struck by a bullet just below the heart. I was with him when he died but he was too far gone to speak. I helped bury him the next day on the field.

Woodward, 1386279, Pvt. Marcus, Co. A. Information given by James E. Stapleton, Sgt. Co. A.

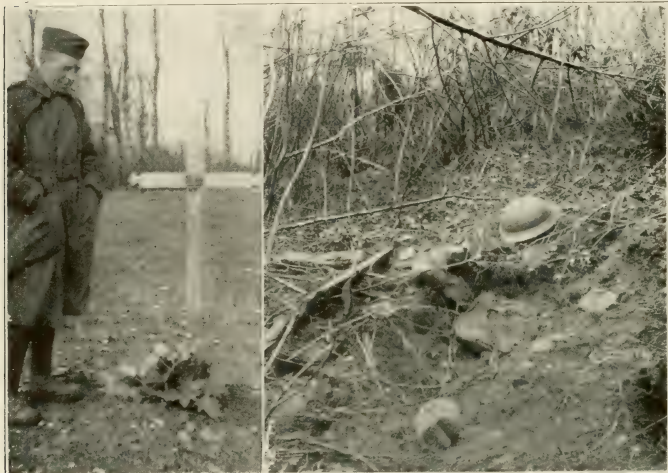
On Oct. 10, 1918, while advancing to the Bois de Chaume and Bois du Plat Chene, we were held up by machine gun fire from the enemy. A few minutes later we received the signal to go forward. Marcus Woodward sprang ahead of his squad, in order to lead them on, and just then he was hit in the neck with a machine gun bullet. I bandaged his wound, placed him on a stretcher made of a shelter half, and had four German prisoners carry him to the rear under guard of Pvt. Beres. Private Beres told me later that Marcus died before they reached the 1st aid station.

Worden, 1386859, Pvt. 1cl. Alex, Co. C. Information given by Olaf Nelson, Pvt. 1cl. Co. C.

During the Meuse-Argonne offensive, in our action east of the Meuse, Co. C was occupying a position on the bald hill about a kilometer north of the Bois Plat Chene. On October 11, at about 3:30 p. m., I was returning with other stretcher bearers from the rear, when upon reaching a point in the ravine between Bois Plat Chene and Bois de Chaume the enemy began to shell the locality heavily and we entered a dug-out for protection. Before we emerged from the dug-out to continue Pvt. Worden and Handley of our company passed along with a supply of water which they were carrying to the front. A moment later we left the dug-out and continued our way to the front. We had gone but about a hundred yards, when a H. E. shell struck a short distance in front of us, but out of our view on account of the density of the woods. Upon reaching the point where this shell struck, we found that it had instantly killed Pvts. Worden and Handley and one machine gun man and seriously wounded a second machine gun man whose name I do not know. Pvt. Worden was not recognizable being covered with dirt and powder smoke and discolored from gases. We could identify him only by his identification tags.

Zettel, 2154049, Pvt. Howard P., Co. G. Information given by Donald J. McIntosh, Sgt. Co. G.

About a half hour after the attack had started at Chipilly Ridge, about 6 in the evening, on Aug. 9, 1918, I was wounded and going back to the rear for medical attention, I saw Pvt. Zettel lying dead. He had been killed by a machine gun bullet in the stomach but a few minutes previous, and I believe was killed instantly.



GRAVE OF WM. E. ROSELLE,
Bois de Chaume

FOX HOLE OF CPL. LESTER,
Bois de Chaume, Where Shell Landed

CHAPTER XIV

FIELD ORDERS, 131ST INFANTRY

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY,

FRANCE.

June 9, 1918.

MEMORANDUM TO BATTALION COMMANDERS:

1. Pursuant to Field Orders No. 1, Hq. 33rd Div., A. E. F., France, June 8, 1918, this Regiment will march tomorrow to points mentioned below, via CITERNE-OISEMONT ROAD.

Headquarters and Supply Co's Regimental Headquarters, to Maigneville.

1st Bn. from Citerne to Bouillancourt, 2 Companies.

Busmenard, 1 Company.

Watteblery, 1 Company.

2nd Bn. from Hocquincourt via Citerne to Bouillancourt.

3rd Bn. from Frucourt via Citerne to Vismes Au Val and Le Plouy.

2. (a) The head of the First Battalion will clear CITERNE at 8:30 a. m., troops following in order of march: 2nd Bn., 3rd Bn., Hq. Co., Supply Co., and will maintain distance between units as follows: Companies 100 yards; Bn. Transports, 100 yards; Battalions, 500 yards. In addition vehicles of all kinds must leave gaps of 25 yards between section of six vehicles.

(b) Officers in command of columns, either of troops or vehicles will be held responsible at all times for the maintenance of march discipline within their commands.

(c) All details marching with wagons will carry their arms and equipment and will march under proper command. The one man per vehicle detailed to attend to the brakes will march fully equipped immediately in the rear of the same. Cooks may be allowed to have their arms on the cook's wagon, if one is available, but will otherwise march fully equipped.

(d) Vehicles must not be overloaded. Men will not be allowed to hang onto vehicles.

(e) No man will be allowed on any horsed vehicles unless in possession of a pass signed by some responsible officer, and the length of time a man is allowed to ride on the wagon will be stated on the pass.

(f) When troops are halted the men will fall out on the right side of the road, and horses will be turned with their heads to the center of the road.

(g) Columns of troops or vehicles are not to halt on the main streets of towns or villages, or on bridges. Troops will be halted ten minutes before the hour, irrespective of the time they start on the march, the halt to continue for ten minutes. (First halt will be at 8:50 a. m. All troops will take up the march at 9 o'clock. Second halt 9:50, take up the march at 10 o'clock, etc.)

(h) Men in charge of horses or of any vehicles will not be allowed to leave their vehicles or animals unattended by the roadside. No unauthorized articles must be carried on vehicles, horses or men.

(i) Officers will march with their organizations proper position, with one officer

in the rear of each company, and the strictest march discipline should be enforced on all occasions. Officers, N. C. O.'s and file closers will march in the column, which must not exceed four abreast. A detail in command of an officer or non-commissioned officer will march in the rear of battalions to bring up stragglers, and will make a report at the end of the march to battalion commanders giving the names of all stragglers, which report will be turned in to the Regimental Adjutant.

(j) Whenever columns of troops or vehicles are halted, cross-roads and road junctions must be left clear. Heads of columns, therefore, will halt at least 50 yards short of cross-roads and road junctions.

(k) Whenever a change of direction is made, especially in villages, a guide will be left to mark the road. As the wagons of units may become separated by the end of the march, there should also be one guide for every wagon.

(l) An officer detailed from Regimental Headquarters will precede troops on the march and warn all patrol posts on the route which is to be followed by the columns.

(m) All drivers and troops are to be informed of their destination before taking the road.

(n) If for any reason leading troops should be halted at other than regular times, by reason of congested traffic or otherwise, troops in the rear will not close up but will maintain their regular intervals.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

W. Y. HENDRON,
Captain and Adjutant, 131st Inf.,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY,
FRANCE.

June 20, 1918.

MEMORANDUM TO BATTALION COMMANDERS, COMMANDING OFFICERS, HEADQUARTERS
AND SUPPLY COMPANIES:

ADVANCE INFORMATION REGARDING MOVEMENT TOMORROW—
June 21.

1. The following extracts from Orders No. 2, Hq. 33rd Div., Amer. E. F., 19th June, 1918, are quoted below for your information:

Detail orders regarding this movement later.

“In compliance with Field Orders No. 2, 33rd Division, this Division (less Artillery, Engineers, Engineer Train, Sanitary Train, Ammunition Train and Supply Train) will move to the Long area and III (Left) Corps area west of River HALLUE by bus and march.

Dumps of surplus Quartermaster, Ordnance and organization property will be formed and left under guard (of not more than one N. C. O. and three privates), until same can be transported to railhead.

Division Quartermaster, in case of Q. M. and organization property and ordnance officer in case of ordnance property, will be informed by organization commanders concerned of locations and weights of each dump.

One hundred rounds of ammunition per man will be carried in belts.

The 66th Brigade (less H. T. Col.) will prepare cooked food in advance for 20th and 21st. Rations for 22nd and 23rd will be dumped in regimental dumps at MOLLIENS-au-BOIS, PIERREGOT and woods southwest of MOLLIENS-au-BOIS. Sufficient Dixies will be retained to prepare hot tea for command. They will be carried in busses.

The following mechanical transportation will be available for this move:

131st Infantry—8 Trucks.

All above trucks will proceed straight through to organization areas without staging.

The transportation for bus movement will be provided by the Fourth British Army. Instructions will be issued later as to time and place of embussing.

Third Echelon, Division Headquarters, will remain at EU.

The Division Salvage Squad will remain at EU to salvage the present divisional area.

Railheads:

21st June: Unchanged.

22nd June inclusive.

LONG area—PONT REMY.

III CORPS area—VIGNACOURT.

Fourth British Army will make arrangements for evacuating sick in new areas.

There will be two motor lorries assigned to each Battalion for baggage and two to Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Supply Company.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

SEVERRA A. STENSON,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Acting Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY,
FRANCE.

June 20, 1918.

MARCH ORDER No. 2:

1. Pursuant to instructions from the 66th Infantry Brigade, the 131st Infantry group will embus for British 3rd Corps Area June 21, 1918, as follows:

131ST INFANTRY GROUP.

TIME FOR EMBUSSING, 9:30 A. M.

Head of column of busses facing Southeast (2000) yards Northwest of cross roads just north of G in Gas Works, Northwest of Gamaches.

COLUMN: 67 busses and 96 lorries numbered from 1 to 163 on off side panel.

2. The organizations of this Regiment will leave their billets in time to reach the embussing point at the time mentioned above.

3. Lieutenant Tapper will have charge of embussing. One Officer from each unit to include companies to report to embussing officer for instructions at the head of the column at 8:30 a. m. Capacity of busses, 25 men. Capacity of lorries, 20 men.

4. The organizations will be embussed in the following order:

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND PLATOON, 108TH FIELD SIGNAL
BATLN.

SUPPLY COMPANY.

FIRST BATTALION and auxiliary troops.

SECOND BATTALION and auxiliary troops.

THIRD BATTALION and auxiliary troops.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

5. British Battalion Cadres will move with the units of the 131st Infantry A. E. F. to which they are at present affiliated.

6. No baggage except (dixies) to be carried in the busses or lorries transporting troops. Packs will be worn by men.

7. Baggage trucks will arrive at midnight June 20-21. There will be (8) trucks for the Regiment; two for each Battalion and two for Regimental Hq. Headquarters Co., Supply Co., and Machine Gun Co. If the baggage trucks do not arrive before departure of troops, organization commanders will leave a loading detail of four men for each truck, with the exception of the Machine Gun Company, who will leave two men only. These men will be permitted to ride on trucks. Blankets to be packed on trucks.

8. Debussing point: PIERREGOT.

9. Messages will reach Regimental Commander at embussing point after 8 a. m.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

SEVERRA A. STENSON,

*Captain and Acting Adjutant, 131st Infantry,
Adjutant.*

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,

FRANCE.

June 23, 1918.

Map.

Reference—A Corps Topo (No. 79).

23rd June 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 1—TRAINING EXERCISE:

1. (a) Pursuant to Field Orders No. 1, Hq. 66th Inf. Brigade, 22nd June 1918. This Regiment will take over that section of the VADEN LINE in the III Corps Sector today.

(b) BOUNDARIES:

Regimental—Northern Boundary U-23 a-25.

Southern Boundary C-4 d-3055.

1st Right Battalion—C-4 D-34 to U-28 a-7555.

2nd Left Battalion—U-28 a-7555 to C-4 d-3055.

3rd Reserve Battalion along RUM and CONTAY sectors from C-2 d-6063 to U-20 a.9999.

(c) GROUND FEATURES OF TACTICAL IMPORTANCE:

The hill in U-23-a affords a clear view towards WARLOY and to the east and the valley of the HALLUE RIVER to the south.

The hill in C-4a affords a clear view to the HALLUE RIVER to the north and covers the dead ground north of the river.

2. BATTALION RESERVES AND HEADQUARTERS:

(a) Right Battalion reserve and Headquarters at C-3-b-3575.

(b) Left Battalion reserve and Headquarters at U-27-d35.

(c) Reserve Battalion Headquarters at U-20-c-00.

(d) Regimental Headquarters at U-19-c-6025.

3. PRINCIPLES OF THE DEFENSE:

(a) The line will be held in depth.

(b) All commanders will keep their reserve in hand with which to counter attack.

(c) There will be no withdrawals except on orders from higher authority.

4. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK:

(a) The Battalions in the line will hold their ground and maintain their positions by means of counter attack with their own reserves.

(b) Liaison between Battalions in line and Battalions in reserve must be maintained. Liaison between Headquarters and Battalion Headquarters will be established immediately.

5. NORMAL DISTRIBUTION OF INFANTRY:

(a) Two Battalions on forward system. 1st Battalion on the Right, 2nd Battalion on the Left.

(b) Right Battalion, three companies in the front line and close support, one company in reserve.

(c) Left Battalion, two companies in front line and close support two companies in reserve.

(d) Third Battalion in Reserve, not to be used except on order of Brigade Commander.

6. C. O. Machine Gun Company will report to C. O. 122nd Machine Gun Battalion for instructions.

7. The Commanding Officer of Trench Mortar Platoon will select positions for Trench Mortars and submit disposition to Regimental Commander.

8. Snipers, Observers and Scouts will be sent to the Scout Officers of Battalions for assignment to duty.

9. Signal Platoon and attached signal men will report to Major Lucas, 108th Field Signal Battalion, A. E. F., at Regimental Headquarters at U-19-c6025 at 9 a. m. today with their signal equipment.

10. Regimental Surgeons will establish aid stations near Headquarters of each Battalion.

11. The following advance parties will proceed to trenches with the British Cadres. These advance parties will report in front of Regimental Headquarters here in PIERREGOT at 10:30 a. m. today. They will meet troops when they arrive near the trenches also mark out positions for Trench Mortars.

One Officer or N. C. O. and two runners from each platoon of each line company.

One Officer from Trench Mortar Platoon.

12. No digging will be permitted except for latrines which will be dug fifty yards in rear of the trenches.

13. Supply Officer will confer with Battalion Commanders and arrange for service of supply of rations, water and ammunition.

14. Box respirators will be worn in "Alert position"—Practice taking off and putting on masks ten minutes—and worn one-half hour daily. Gas warning will be practiced at least once each day and night. Steel helmets will be constantly worn.

15. Sentinels will be posted day and night and constant patrolling made to the front for training purposes. All troops will "Stand-To" one hour before dawn and one hour before dusk. Patrols will be cautioned that friendly troops will be encountered.

16. No under cutting to be made in trenches. Working parties will be organized and supervised.

17. Ammunition, water and supply dumps will be designated and location conveyed to troops as soon as possible.

18. Relief will be completed by 6 p. m.

The following points appear to need special attention:

(a) Valley in C-10-a.

(b) Valley in C-5-a.

(c) Left flank of Brigade high ground U-23-a.

Battalion Commanders will reconnoiter their sector and be prepared to suggest changes which they may deem necessary.

BY ORDER OF LIEUT. COLONEL EDDY:

SEVERRA A. STENSON,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Acting Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY, U. S. N. G.

FRANCE.

June 23, 1918.

Map 1—40000.

Parts 57D and 62D.

FIELD ORDERS No. 2—TRAINING EXERCISE:

1. In compliance with Field Order No. 1 this command will march to take over the Vaden Line in the III Corps Sector today.
2. (a) The advance guard will march at 11:30 a. m. via PIERREGOT - MIRVAUX - BEAUCOURT - CONTAY - VADEN-COURT ROAD.
 - (b) The main body will follow at 800 yards.
 - (c) Distances between Companies, 100 yards, between Battalions, 500 yards.
 - (d) Battalion transports will follow their own Battalions at 100 yards.
 - (e) Battalion Commanders will assemble their Battalions in time to take up the march at their proper interval.
 - (f) One day's rations will be taken.
3. At VADENCOURT the 1st and 2nd Bns. will proceed to the sector assigned to them and be preceded by reconnoitering patrols to insure against damage to crops. The 3rd Bn. will, on arrival at the western edge of Contay, branch off and take position assigned it as reserve. Bn. Transports will leave the column at Contay and proceed to Bn. Hq., unload and proceed to Hq. 3rd Bn. Transport will leave the column at Contay and proceed to Regt. Hq. at U 19c 6025. Water carts and field kitchens will not go further east than C 14d00-U 15d00.

4. Messages to head of main body.

BY ORDER OF LT. COL. J. M. EDDY:

S. A. STENSON,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Acting Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

June 24, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 3—TRAINING EXERCISE.

Map Reference:

1-20000 Special Sheet (Senlis).

1-20000 Special Map (Secret).

1. This Regiment will withdraw from the VADEN sector at 3 p. m. today.

2. Bn. Commanders will complete the withdrawal under their own arrangements and march back independently. All moves east of a line drawn north and south through the western boundary of CONTAY will be by platoons at 200-yard intervals. All moves west of this line will be with intervals of 100 yards between companies and 500 yards between Battalions. Report time of arrival at billets.

3. Bn. Commanders will report by wire or runner to these Headquarters the time the withdrawal is completed, and when the last units have been withdrawn, disconnect the telephone.

BY ORDER OF LT. COLONEL EDDY:

SEVERRA A. STENSON,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Acting Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,
FRANCE.

June 26, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 4—TRAINING EXERCISE.

Map Ref. 1/20,000 Sheets 62 d N. W. 57 D. S. W.

1. The enemy has seized the heights east of HALLUE RIVER and have attempted to cross the river, but have been repulsed by our troops who held the western line.

The 66th Brigade, less 124th M. G. Bn., plus 1st Bn., 108th Engrs., will dig and wire the DAILY MAIL LINE on the nights of 26-27 and 27-28, June, connecting the MAZE (T 30 Central) with the ST. GRATIEN SWITCH (about B. 10.c).

2. This command will dig and wire on the night of 26-27 June.

3. Digging troops will arrive at the dumps at 10 p. m., June 26. (Location of dumps shown in paragraph 5), and report to Engineer Officer in charge.

4. The following details will be made:

Wiring Parties—

1st Bn. 4 Parties—1 N. C. O. and 9 privates each.

2nd Bn. 4 Parties—1 N. C. O. and 9 privates each.

3rd Bn. 5 Parties—1 N. C. O. and 9 privates each.

Carrying Parties—

Each Bn. 2 parties of 1 N. C. O. and 15 privates each, for carrying wire from the dumps to the line, when the wire entanglements will be made. These parties will report to dumps as designated below at 8 p. m.

5. No. of Cos. digging	Carrying parties	Wiring parties	Dumps
2 Cos. 1st Bn.	1—1st Bn.	3—1st Bn.	T 30 c 9.8
2 Cos. 1st Bn.	1—1st Bn.	1—1st Bn.	T 29 d 0.8.
2 Cos. 2nd Bn.	1—2nd Bn.	2—2nd Bn.	T 29 d 0.8.
2 Cos. 2nd Bn.	1—2nd Bn.	2—2nd Bn.	B 4 a 3.7
2 Cos. 3rd Bn.	1—3rd Bn.	2—3rd Bn.	B 9 b 7.1
2 Cos. 3rd Bn.	1—3rd Bn.	3—3rd Bn.	

6. Approaches to the position will be reconnoitered in advance to avoid damage to growing crops.

During the work upon line, patrols and covering parties will be sent out by Bn. Commdrs. for the purpose of instructions in patrolling.

7. Battalion Commanders will arrange routes to be taken.

EDDY, Lt. Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,

FRANCE.

June 26, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 5—TRAINING EXERCISE.

Map Sheet: 57 D S. W. and 62 D N. W.

Corrected Copy.

1. (a) In compliance with F. O. No. 3, Hq. 66th Brig., this command will take over the Southern Section of the VADEN LINE 29 June, 1918.

(b) BOUNDARIES:

1st Bn. Right Bn. C 21 b 90 20 to C 16 a 85 80.

3rd Bn. Left Bn. C 16 a 85 80 to C 4 d 30 60.

2nd Bn. (Less one company) Reserve Battalion C 20 a 70 05 to C 3 e 30 50.

1st and 3rd Bns. will each post 2 companies in front line and hold 2 companies in support. Battalion commanders, will, after taking over, reconnoitre their sections and recommend changes; they will also report the location of supports immediately on occupation.

(c) Right Bn. Headquarters C 14 d 0 8.

Left Bn. Headquarters and Reserve Bn. Hdqtrs. C 8 e 95 80.

Regimental Headquarters B 12 e 65 60.

2. All marches of this Regiment west of the river HALLUE will be at intervals of 15 minutes between companies and east of the river by platoons at 200-yard intervals. 1st Bn. will march at 5 a. m. via PIERREGOT-MOLLIENS AU BOIS-MONTIGNY-HEHENCOURT ROAD, crossing the river via bridges at MONTIGNY. 3rd Bn. will march at 5 a. m. via PIERREGOT-WINDMILL HILL-BEAUCOURT ROAD, crossing the HALLUE RIVER via bridges at BEAUCOURT AND AGIN-COURT. 2nd Bn. will follow the 3rd Bn. at 5:30 a. m., taking the same road. Guides will accompany each Bn.

3. Special attention will be paid to the following ground features:

C 21 b. Valley C 10 a. Valley C 5 a.

4. Battalion Commanders will evacuate the VADEN LINE at 6 p. m. 29-June-18 under their own arrangements and report completion of same to Regimental Headquarters.

5. (a) Bn. Commanders will arrange advance parties to take over the trenches and act as guides.

(b) C. O. Trench Mortar Section will select positions and submit same to Regimental Commander for approval.
Eddy, Lt. Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,

FRANCE, 29th June, 1918.

MEMORANDUM TO C. O.'s, COMPANIES C. AND E.:

1. In compliance with Field Orders No. 6, Hdqtrs. 33rd Division, A. E. F., 29th June, 1918, 2:35 p. m., Companies C. and E., 131st Infantry, will proceed at once by march to ALLONVILLE for training with the 4th Australian Brigade.

2. No restrictions as to route.

3. Standing orders No. 358, IV Army, governing distances between units, will be observed.

BY ORDER OF LT. COLONEL EDDY:

S. A. STENSON,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Acting Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
FRANCE.

June 29th, 1918.

MEMORANDUM:

As per V O C G the following Companies are designated for service at the front. The Officers shown are assigned to the Companies to complete complement:

COMPANY E.

Captain James W. Luke.	2nd Lieut. John C. Lee.
1st Lieut. Herman W. Weimer.	2nd Lieut. Elmer C. Plummer.
1st Lieut. Alfred N. Clissold.	2nd Lieut. George F. Schmidt.

One platoon from Company K in command of 1st Lieut. Samuel C. Davis is the extra platoon detailed to Company E to bring this Company to full strength.

COMPANY C.

Captain Carroll M. Gale.	1st Lieut. Albert G. Jefferson.
1st Lieut. Charles M. Porter.	2nd Lieut. John Heyl.
1st Lieut. John D. Slack.	2nd Lieut. Elden L. Belt.

The officers and N. C. O.'s mentioned below are detailed as observers:

Captain George R. Miller.
Captain Michael L. Hickey.
Sergeant Aloysius J. Walsh, Co. A., 1165582.
Sergeant Robert A. Berg, 1386260, Co. A.
Sergeant Swan E. Johnson, Co. B, 1386504.
Sergeant Paul F. Huddleston, Co. D., 1387021.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COL. EDDY:

SEVERA A. STENSON,
Captain and Actg. Adjt., 131st Infantry.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 29th June, 1918.

MEMORANDUM TO C. O.'s, FIRST BATTALION AND SECOND BATTALION:

1. In compliance with orders from the Commanding General, 66th Infantry Brigade, the Commanding Officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions will have Companies A, B and D and Companies F, G and H ready to move on a moment's notice.

BY ORDER OF LT. COLONEL EDDY:

S. A. STENSON,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Acting Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 29th June, 1918.

MEMORANDUM TO C. O.'s, Cos. E. AND C.:

1. Change the name of the town you are to proceed to in Field Orders No. 6, your companies go to ALLONVILLE, as per telephone instructions just received from Brigade.

LT. COL. EDDY:

E. J. EMERICK,
1st Lieutenant, 131st Infantry,
Acting Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, July 2nd, 1918.

MEMORANDUM:

The officers mentioned below will report to the Companies in the towns shown after their names. They will arrange to report tonight sure. In the case of those who are going to the Australian front application will be made to Captain George F. Scott, 131st Infantry, for lorries to take them there along with their baggage. If it is impossible to get lorries they will leave their bed rolls in storage with the Third Battalion Headquarters and get transportation from the Australian Corps to bring their baggage there:

2nd Lt. Clarence W. Fisher to Co. A at FRECHENCOURT.

2nd Lt. Harold H. King to Co. A at FRECHENCOURT.

1st Lt. Arthur R. Koepke to Co. F. Report to Major Paul C. Gale at
BLANGY WOODS.1st Lt. Edmond A. Bachand to Co. H. Report to Major Paul C. Gale at
BLANGY WOODS.1st Lt. Otto A. Wurl will report to Major Francis M. Allen at PIERREGOT
for duty.

2. The above mentioned officers, except Lieut. Wurl, will report to these Headquarters at once, for further instructions.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

S. A. STENSON,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Acting Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

2 July, 18.

REFERENCE: Senlis Map, 57B S W, 57D S E, parts of 62A N W, 62D N E.
Edition No. 2.

FIELD ORDERS NO. 5½—TRAINING EXERCISE.

1. (a) Pursuant to Field Order No. Headquarters 66th Brigade, 2nd July, 1918, this Regiment will take over that section of the Baizieux Line in the III Corps Sector as mentioned below.

(b) Boundaries.

Regimental—V 14 d 2.0, Northern Boundary.

D 1 c 95.30, Southern Boundary.

3rd Right Battalion—D 1 c 95.30 to V 25 d 4.6.

1st Left Battalion—V 25 d 4.6 to V 14 d 2.0.

2nd Reserve Battalion from approximately U 29 c 3.5 to V 30 a 7.5.

Ground features of tactical importance:

Hennencourt Wood.

Valley extending from just west of Hennencourt Wood to V 26 c 3095.

2. Battalion Reserves and Headquarters:

3rd Battalion Reserve disposed of under the Major's own arrangement. 3rd

Right Battalion command post near windmill at d 1 a 6520.

1st Left Battalion Reserve disposed of under the Major's own arrangement.

1st Left Battalion command post V 25 a 3.6.

2nd Reserve Battalion Headquarters at Toad Copse U 29 c 6.6.

3. Principles of defense.

(a) The line will be held in depth.

(b) All Commanders will keep their reserves in hand with which to counter-attack.

(c) There will be no withdrawals except on orders from higher authority.

4. Action in case of an attack.

(a) The Battalions in line will hold their ground and maintain their positions by means of counter-attack with their own reserves. Liaison between Battalions in line and Battalions in reserve must be maintained. Liaison between Hq. and Bn. Hq. will be established immediately.

5. Nominal distribution of Infantry.

(a) Two Battalions on forward system. 3rd Bn. on the right, 1st Bn. on the left.

(b) Signal Officer will arrange to go out in advance and complete arrangements for communication between Bns. and Hdqtrs.

(c) Battalion Commanders will arrange for rations, water supply and ammunition and forage.

6. Major Surgeon will arrange for aid and dressing stations, reporting locations of same as soon as established.

7. No digging will be permitted except for latrines, which will be dug at least 50 yards from the trench and filled before leaving the line.

8. Box respirators will be worn in "Alert" position. Practice taking off and putting on masks ten minutes and worn one-half hour daily. Gas warning will be practiced at least once each day and night. Steel helmets will be constantly worn.

9. Ammunition, water and supply dumps will be designated and locations conveyed to troops as soon as possible.

10. Bayonets will be fixed night and day in the front line trenches. In reserve Battalion bayonets will be fixed only at night.

11. Snipers, Observers and Scouts will be sent to the Scout Officers of Battalions for assignment to duty.

12. Sentinels will be posted day and night. Observers will be on duty in O. P. Patrolling will be constant throughout the night under the supervision of the B. I. O. Patrols will be cautioned that friendly troops will be encountered. All troops will stand to one hour before dusk. Battalion Commanders, upon receiving reports from all sources and from their own observation, will suggest such changes as they deem necessary.

EDDY,
Lt. Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,

3rd July, 1918, 10 a. m.

FIELD ORDERS No. 6—TRAINING EXERCISE.

Map—Sheet 3 a Local 62 D.N.W.

1. Enemy attacked this morning and is gaining ground and now occupies line from Cross Roads C 16 a 49, hill C 15 a, and to Wood C 20 b. Our line to north is strongly held. Friendly troops hold the western slope of the ridge. Our troops to the south hold with their left on sunken road at B 20 d. Our Brigade attacks:

2. At 11 a. m. this command will move via BAVELINCOURT-AGINCOURT Road to vicinity HILLSIDE WOOD and attack the enemy on his right flank.

3. (a) The 3rd Bn. will make the attack, two companies in firing line and two in support and make his formation in depth rather than in width. Our attack will be supported by one Co. of M. G.

(b) Objective, hill at C.15.a on the right to C.16.a.4.9.

(c) The 132nd Infantry will be on our right.

(d) The attack will be supported by Field Artillery.

4. Surgeon will establish dressing stations in the quarry in the S.E. corner of HILLSIDE WOODS in C 8 u 56.

5. Messages to this point.

EDDY,

Lt. Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,

FRANCE.

5 July, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 7—TRAINING EXERCISE.

Map Ref.—1:40,000 ABBEVILLE-LENS-AMIENS Sheets Special 54.

1. (a) Pursuant to Field Orders No. Hq. 66th Inf. Brigade, date 5-July-1918, this Regiment will take over section of trenches as mentioned below:

(b) Regimental Boundaries—A 3 Center to T 13 c 200.

Third Right Battalion—A 3 Center to S 29 c 1095.

First Left Battalion—S 29 c 1095 to T 13 c 200.

2nd Reserve Battalion—From approximately S 20 Central to S 21 a 79.

(c) Regimental Headquarters—S 20-c-30.

2. (a) Third and First Battalions will each post two companies in the front line and hold two companies in support. Battalion Commanders will, after taking over, reconnoiter their sectors and recommend changes. They will also report the location of Battalion Command Posts immediately upon occupation.

(b) Third Right Battalion Supports from A 3 a 61 to S 29 a 37.

First Left Battalion Supports from S 29 a 37 to S 24 a 69.

(c) Battalions will leave their billets in time to complete the occupation of their sectors, under their own arrangements, by 10 a. m.

(d) Standing orders No. 358, Fourth Army, governing distance between units on the march will be observed.

3. Special attention will be paid to the following ground features:

Valley A 6 Central towards town of MOLLIENS AU BOIS.

Town of PIERREGOT.

Valley north and west of PIERREGOT.

4. Commanding Officer, Machine Gun Co. will select positions and submit same to Regimental Commander for approval.

5. (a) Third Battalion will send 8 runners to report at east exit of FLESS-ELLES at 9:45 a. m. and 24 runners to report at Regimental Hq., PIERREGOT, at 9 a. m.

(b) Transport will remain in billets until further orders.

6. Major Surgeon will arrange for aid and dressing stations as follows:

Right Battalion—S 21 c 6506.

Left Battalion—S 22 b 9561.

Regimental Hdq. and Reserve Bn.—S 20 c 30.

7. No digging will be permitted except for latrines, which will be dug at least fifty yards from the trenches and filled before leaving the line.

8. *OBJECT*—Exercise in command and liaison.

9. *IDENTIFICATIONS*—Runners and couriers to wear white handkerchiefs in the loops on their shoulders. Liaison Officers will wear white bands on the arms. Intelligence personnel will wear white handkerchiefs in the belts.

10. Snipers, Observers and Scouts will be sent to the Scout Officers of the Battalions for assignment to duty.

11. Troops will avoid standing crops and utilize single trails at edges of fields. In case the occupation of the position is impossible on account of damage to crops, lines to be occupied will be explained to subordinate units.

12. *CRITIQUE*—By Brigade Commander at such time and place as he may designate.

13. *EQUIPMENT*—As in past exercises. Lunches to be carried.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 7th July, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 8—TRAINING EXERCISE.

Reference Sheets: FRANCE Sheet 62D., 1/40,000; FRANCE SHEET 57D., 1/40,000.

1. (a) Pursuant to Field Orders No. Hq. 66th Inf. Brigade, dated 7th July, 1918, this Regiment will take over section of trenches as mentioned below:

(b) Regimental Boundaries—C 4 d 3060 to U 23 a 3070.

1st Battalion (Right)—C 4 d 2030 to U 28 b 26.

2nd Battalion (left)—U 28 b 26 to U 23 a 3070.

3rd Battalion (Reserve)—C 3 a and c and part of C 2 b and d.

2. (a) First and Second Battalions will each post two companies in the front line and hold two companies in close support.

(b) First and Second Battalions will proceed PIERREGOT-MIRVAUX-BEAUCORT-CONTAY—from this point right and left Battalion will proceed as follows:

Left Battalion: CONTAY-VADENCOURT by track to point of entry at U 22 d 1545.

Right Battalion: CONTAY on track leading to U 28 d 0080.

Reserve Battalion: Will proceed PIERREGOT-MIRVAUX-BEAUCOURT to EBART FARM C 2 a 36 to C 2 b Central.

(c) Battalion Commanders will arrange to leave their billets in time to complete the occupation of the trenches by 9:30 a. m.

(d) Standing Orders No. 358, Fourth Army, governing distance between units on the march will be observed.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 10th July, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 8(B).

1. Terrain exercise.
2. (a) This command will proceed via MIRVAUX-BEAUCOURT-MONTIGNY Road so as to reach road fork B 18 b 78 by 10 a. m. in the order mentioned below:
Regimental Headquarters.
Headquarters Company and I platoon, 108th F. S. Bn.
1st Bn., 2nd Bn., 3rd Bn.
(b) The organizations mentioned will report in order specified above at Regimental Bath House, prepared to move at 8 a. m. July 11, 1918 (tomorrow).
3. (a) Companies will be represented as in previous exercises. Lunch will be taken.
(b) All Intelligence Personnel will attend. Lieut. Woodward, Acting Regimental Intelligence Officer, will organize the Battalion intelligence personnel; also the regimental.
(c) Each Battalion Commander will detail eight runners to report to Lieut. Reid, 108th Field Signal Battalion, Headquarters Co., who will organize a system of runners from Brigade Commander Post B 9694 to Regimental Command Post.
(d) Report to Regimental Headquarters with Map 62 D.N.W. at 7:45 p. m. today for instructions.

SANBORN, *Colonel*.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, July 17, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 9—TRAINING EXERCISE:

MAP REFERENCE: Corps Topo. Sec. No. 95 and 85 14.7.18.

1. (a) This Regiment plus two companies 124th M. G. Bn. will occupy the BAIZEAUX SYSTEM (Northern Sector) for twenty-four hours from 9 p. m. on the 17th inst. The organizations less 1st Bn. will return to billets on orders to be issued later. On the evening of the 18th the 1st Bn. will proceed to the front system under orders to be issued by the 47th Division, and will be attached by platoons to British Companies in the line for 48 hours. The 1st Bn. will be relieved by the 2nd Bn. on the night of the 20th-21st and the 2nd Bn. will be relieved by the 3rd Bn. on the night of the 22nd-23rd, under arrangements which will be given later. The two companies of the 124th M. G. Bn. affiliated with this Regiment will be attached to the 47th M. G. Bn. in the front system under arrangement to be made by the 47th Division direct to the C. O. 124th M. G. Bn. D.1.b.1.6.
(b) Regimental Boundaries to V.20.a.9.9.
1st Right Bn. D.1.d.3.5. to V.25.b.4.6.
2nd Left Bn. V.25.b.4.6. to V.20.a.9.9.
3rd Reserve Bn. U.29.a.5.4. to U.23.e.4.7.
(c) Command Posts—Regimental, U.29.e.9.2.
1st R. Bn. U.30.d.6.2. V.25.e.1.5.
2nd L. Bn. V.19.a.9.4.
3rd R. Bn. U.22.d.2.3.
2. 1st and 2nd Bns. will each post two companies in the front line and hold two companies in support. C. O., 3rd Reserve Bn., will dispose of his companies as best suits the sector which he occupies.

3. Commanding Officer of M. G. Companies will select positions and submit to Regimental Commander for approval.

4. Regimental Surgeon has arranged for dressing stations as follows:

1st R. Bn. V.25.c.1.5.

3rd Res. Bn. U.22.c.9.9.

2nd L. Bn. V.19.c.8.6.

Regtl. U.29.c.9.4.

5. No digging will be permitted except for latrines, which will be dug at least fifty yards from the trenches and filled before leaving the line.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 17th July, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 10—TRAINING EXERCISE:

MAP REFERENCE: Corps. Topo. Sec. No. 85 and 95, 14.7.18.

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| <p>TROOPS:</p> <p>Advance Guard</p> <p>Lt. Stern</p> <p>2 platoons Co. B.</p> <p>Main Body</p> <p>Hq. Co. and</p> <p>Sig. Bn.</p> <p>1st Bn. less 2</p> <p>pltns.</p> <p>2nd Bn.</p> <p>3rd Bn.</p> | <p>1. In compliance with Field Orders No. 9, this command will march to take over BAIZEAU SYSTEM (Northern sector) by 9:00 p. m. today.</p> <p>2. (a) Advance guard will clear bath-house east of PIER-REGOT at 5 p. m. Via PIERREGOT-MIRVEAUS-CORPS C. TRACK Road North of MAZE to CONTAY.</p> <p>(b) Main body will follow at 500 yards.</p> <p>(c) Distances between companies, 100 yards; between Battalions, 500 yards.</p> <p>(d) Battalion Commanders will assemble their Battalions in time to take up the march at proper intervals.</p> <p>(e) Rations as explained.</p> <p>3. At CONTAY Headquarters Co., Signal Section, and 1st Bn. will proceed under their own arrangements to sectors assigned to them while 2nd, 3rd Bns. will continue, taking over their sectors under their own arrangement.</p> <p>3. Messages to head of Main Body.</p> |
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Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

18 July, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 11(A)—TERRAIN EXERCISE:

MAP 1:20,000. Corps Topo. Sec. No. 77.

SITUATION—

1. The enemy have occupied LAVIENVILLE and MILLENCOURT w Through W.25.c.d-V30.c.d. Northern edge of MILLENCOURT to B.4.b.7.6. south to D.4.d.7.6. SW to D.4.e.9.2. south to D.10.c.9.7—SE to D.10.d.9.6. thence south through western portion of D.17 and 23. We hold the line through W.19.b.d—W.25.a—V.30.a-b V.23.c.d thence S and SW COURT TRENCH and BAIZEUX—HENNENCOURT SWITCH to D.3.d.-5-3 south to D-9-d-3-4 thence SE and south in LAVIENVILLE SYSTEM through D-22-c. Enemy line shown in Red and our line shown in Blue on attached Map X.

OBJECTIVE—

2. The objective is to capture LAVIENVILLE and the LAVIENVILLE Trench with a view to re-establishing the LAVIENVILLE Line. Objective shown in green on Map X.

TROOPS AVAILABLE—

3. Two Regiments of the Division are available for the operation.

SCHEME OF ATTACK—

4. The scheme of attack is to pinch LAVIENVILLE Village by attacking it from the SW and NW. No troops to enter the village during the attack but the Mopping Up to be done subsequently by troops coming in from the SE and NE. Tanks accompanied by parties of Infantry to assist in the Mopping Up at dawn by advancing through and around the village. The attack from the NW, designated as the Northern attack, to be carried out by one Battalion of the 131st Infantry with one Battalion in support and one in reserve. The attack from the SW to be carried out by the 132nd Infantry. The attacking troops not to take over the defense of the line from the present garrison but to pass through them.

LINES OF ADVANCE AND ASSEMBLY AREA—

5. The front of the advance of the Northern attack will approximate 500 yards in width, right passing along the line V.21.e.6.9. D.4.d.6.6. S. E. 140 degrees magnetic.

Battalions will assemble on roads convenient to sectors occupied by them and proceed to positions in accordance with the accompanying table.

FORMATION—

6. (a) The first Battalion will attack on a two company front, two companies in support, precautions being taken for protection of both flanks.

(b) Responsibility for Mopping Up will rest with the Support companies.

JUMPING OFF TAPES—

7. The Regimental Adjutant will lay out the jumping off tapes at right angles to the direction of departure. The first will lay diagonally across the road in front of the orchard in V.28.a.3.2 and another about 500 yards in advance, extending from the cemetery in V.28.c.9.4. to the southeast corner of the village of HENENCOURT.

Direction tapes will be laid out on the left flank and on inter-company boundaries. The laying out of these tapes will be completed by Zero minus two hours. The Adjutant will make such details from Headquarters Co., Pioneer Platoon as are necessary to carry out this work.

OPENINGS IN WIRE—

8. The 2nd Bn. will detail 12 squads with wire cutters to open gaps every twenty yards through all wires sufficiently wide for four men to pass abreast and mark the openings so that they may be readily seen. On completion of this task these squads will join the support companies of the leading Battalion, reporting to the nearest platoon leader.

MOVEMENT TO FORMING UP TAPES—

9. The 1st Battalion moving by platoons at 100 yards distance will be in position by Zero minus 60 minutes.

MOVEMENT OF OTHER TROOPS—

10. (a) Troops in posts forward of the jumping off tape will be notified of the movement.

(b) Standing patrols will be sent by the support of the First Battalion to positions in advance of our forward posts to cover the forming up and will be withdrawn at Zero minus twenty minutes.

(c) The Second Battalion will send strong flanking patrols on either side of the

advance with Lewis Guns and Machine Guns to protect the flanks of the attacking Battalion.

(d) Movement of Troops will be in accordance with the attached table.

(e) Ration parties and all non-fighting troops to be withdrawn to sunken road east of WARLOY in 7-19-a before Zero minus 2 hours.

(f) The necessity for absolute silence in all movements before Zero is to be impressed on all troops.

REGIMENTAL SUPPORT—

11. The Second Battalion in support will take position behind terraces extending from V.21.c—central to V.21.d.5.7. closing up to rear of orchard in V.27.b. as soon as the first Battalion passes the trenches southeast of the cemetery.

BRIGADE RESERVE—

12. Third Battalion in Brigade Reserve S of HENENCOURT WOOD at V.26.a. off the WARLOY-HENENCOURT ROAD.

MACHINE GUNS—

13. 2 platoons to First Battalion, 1 platoon to Second Battalion, 1 platoon to reserve.

STOKES MORTARS—

14. Stokes Mortars will engage the objectives and targets north and front of LAVIENVILLE till forced to lift by the advance of the Infantry.

ENGINEERS—

15. One company of the 108th Engineers will assist in the consolidation.

SNIPERS ACTION—

16. After the success signals have been observed snipers will go forward and establish posts on the front and flanks of Battalions as may be directed by Battalion Commanders.

CONSOLIDATION—

17. (a) The posts on the line of the objective are to be Lewis Gun Posts.

(b) Positions which are to be consolidated in rear of this line will be detailed by the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion.

CONTACT PATROL—

18. (a) Red ground flares to mark the position of the most forward Infantry will be lit when called for by the contact aeroplanes.

(b) At the same time rifles will be put out in groups of 3, two feet between rifles which are to be laid parallel to one another about 10 yards between groups—flat side of the butt on the ground.

(c) A contact aeroplane will be in the air as soon after dawn as the light permits.

COUNTER ATTACK AEROPLANE—

19. A counter-attack plane will be in the air from early in the morning onwards and will signal any hostile concentration by flying over the enemy toward our trenches firing white Very Lights.

SUCCESS SIGNALS—

20. A succession of Green Very Lights will be the success signal and these will be carried by all company commanders.

CHAIN OF S. O. S. SIGNALS—

21. The First Battalion will be responsible for maintaining a chain of S. O. S. signal repeating posts between forward posts and Battalion Headquarters.

TO BE CARRIED ON THE MAN—

22. (a) Each man will carry his iron ration and one day's reserve ration.

(b) Except specialists every man will carry 220 rounds of S. A. A. and two rifle grenades.

(c) Ground flares will be carried by 8 men in each platoon.

(d) S. O. S. grenades will be carried forward with each company and platoon headquarters.

(e) Tools in the proportion of 3 shovels to one pick will be carried by half the attackers.

SYNCHRONIZED WATCHES—

23. Watches will be synchronized from Regimental Headquarters at 5 p. m. this evening.

ADVANCE HDQRS.—

24. Advance Regimental Headquarters at V.25.b.3.7.

1st Bn. V.27.b.3.8. 2nd Bn. V.21.e.6.6. 3rd Bn. V.26.a.3.7.

DRESSING STATIONS—

25. 1st Bn. V.27.a.9.3. 2nd Bn. V.21.e.3.5. 3rd Bn. V.26.a.1.5.

REGT. AID STATION—

26. V.19.e.5.0.

LIAISON—

27. 1st and 2nd Bns. will establish runners to Regt. Hdqrs. at Zero minus 30 minutes—in addition to telephones-visual-messages, rockets and buzzer with companies in the line and flank liaison with adjoining units. 1st and 2nd Battalions will carry pigeons. Regt. Liaison Officer will establish visual communication and runners to Brigade Headquarters. Telephones to Regt. Hdqrs. by signal corps.

STRAGGLER POSTS—

28. Straggler posts will be established by Battalion Comdg.

TRAINS—

29. Western entrance to WARLOY in 19.a.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 131ST INFANTRY FIELD ORDERS NO. 11.

TROOPS	FROM	TO	TO	ROUTE	Remarks
1st Bn.	War Tr. BAIZIEUX System	V.26.a.1.5.	V.27.b.6.5.	WARLOY- HENENCOURT ROAD and connecting street.	To arrive in sufficient time to be in attack position at Zero minus 60 minutes.
2nd Bn.	WARLOY SECTOR	V.26a15	V.21.c. Central	WARLOY- HENENCOURT ROAD to V26b81 trail to V.27.a.7.9. road to west of position.	Following the 1st Bn. from V.26.a.1.5. to arrive in support position at Zero minus 40 minutes.
3rd Bn.	VADEN SECTOR in U.23.c.	U.24.b.9.1. thru streets in eastern edge of WARLOY- HENEN- COURT RD.	position in V.26.a.	CONTAY-WAR- LOY RD. streets east end of WARLOY, WAR- LOY-HENEN- COURT RD.	Following the 2nd Bn. to arrive in reserve position at ZERO minus 20 minutes.
Hq. 131 Inf.	U.29.c.7.3.	V.25.a.9.5.	to position V.25.b.3.7.	Trails from U.29.c.7.3. along W. edge of ridge S. of WARLOY	To arrive at Zero minus 2 hours.

Note all movements will be platoons at minimum distance of 100 yards.

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18-July-1918.

CONTINUATION OF FIELD ORDERS No. 11(B)—TERRAIN EXERCISE:

MAP 1:20,000. Corps Top. Sec. No. 77.

1. On the completion of the operations detailed in Field Orders No. 11 the disposition of attacking troops will be:

1st Bn. From D.10.b.6.9. to D.5.c.1.3. connection with the 132nd Infantry on the right.

2nd Bn. From D.5.c.1.3. to V.26.d.1.7. 3rd Bn. In reserve Position.

2. (a) If the patrols of the 1st Bn. report that LAVIENVILLE can be mopped up without further artillery preparation a succession of green Very flares will be fired in the neighborhood of cemetery between 7:15 and 7:45 a. m.

(b) All Artillery fire on LAVIENVILLE will cease from 8 a. m. onward, and the 3rd Bn. will at 8 a. m. send into the village from the reserve mopping up parties who will co-operate with the mopping up parties sent by the 132nd Infantry. These mopping up parties will be assisted by one company of tanks who will co-operate by advancing through and around the village.

(c) As soon as Regimental Headquarters is notified that the mopping up parties have completed their task the artillery will fire a few smoke shells into the western outskirts of the village of LAVIENVILLE to make the enemy believe that we have not occupied the village. The mopping up parties of the 3rd Bn. will therefore be concentrated in the eastern side of the village, or may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Bn.

3. If it is impracticable to mop up the village of LAVIENVILLE during daylight, Artillery fire will be concentrated on the village through the day and the mopping up will be done during the night, with the co-operation of the tanks. In this eventuality special orders will be issued.

4. After the mopping up of LAVIENVILLE it is intended that during darkness two companies of the 3rd Bn. will relieve the two companies of the 1st Bn. which will then be withdrawn.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY,
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS NO. 1.

(To Accompany Field Orders No. 11)

18 July, 1918.

CROSSING TRENCHES—

1. To accomplish the rapid crossing of trenches by assaulting troops the Pioneer Section of Headquarters Company will collect such boards, planks, etc., as are available in HENENCOURT at zero—5 hours and lay crossing over COURT TRENCH, COURT SUPPORT and HENENCOURT SUPPORT TRENCHES, wherever necessary for troops to cross. If a sufficient number is not available, other crossings will be made, by cutting ramps through the trenches.

SUPPLY DUMP—

2. The Supply Officer will arrange dumps at the Southeast corner of HENENCOURT and carry forward for distribution at that point the following:

(a) Water.

(b) R. E. Material.

- (c) S. A. A.
- (d) Rifle Grenades and Stokes Mortar Ammunition.
- (e) Flares, S. O. S. Signals, Light Signals.
- (f) Tools.
- (g) Wire.

Same to be available for carrying parties at Zero.

CARRYING PARTIES—

3. Battalion Commanders will detail requisite carrying parties and specify what they will carry as required.

EVACUATION OF WOUNDED—

4. (a) First Battalion, three squads bearers, thence by hand carriage to Battalion aid station three squads bearers thence by wheeled stretchers to Regimental aid Station, where wounded will be collected by motors.

- (b) 2nd Battalion, two squads bearers, by hand carriage to battalion aid station and three squads bearers across country to Regimental Aid Station where motor ambulances will collect wounded.

PRISONERS OF WAR—

5. (a) PRISONERS OF WAR will be escorted by assaulting troops back to the present trenches, thence by trench garrison as may be provided for in Division Orders.

- (b) Regimental Bandsmen will be used to escort prisoners from present trench system back to point designated, where receipt will be taken for the same.

- (c) The band will detail three N. C. O.'s and 16 men to report to the Regimental Adjutant at Regimental Headquarters at 6 p. m. evening before the attack. Dress, Belts, rifles, and bandoliers of ammunition.

AMMUNITION, ETC.—

6. The Supply Officer will arrange to deliver to Battalions the morning of the 18th: S. A. A., Grenades, Flares [Ground], Very Lights, Water, Tools.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

18-July-1918.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDERS

1. The following constitute the plans of Artillery support of Division in operations outlined in Field Orders No. 11:

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5. There will be no preliminary Artillery bombardment. The attack will be carried out under cover of:—

- (a) (I) A Field Artillery bombardment of the objective from Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes. This bombardment will start on a line at least 500 yards from the forming-up trench. It will then lift to the LAVIENVILLE Trench, from D.11.a.3.3. to D.5.c.3.3., where it will remain from Z + 6 to Z + 18 minutes, when it will lift finally and form a protective S.O.S. barrage beyond the objective.

- (II) A bombardment with Heavy Artillery of LAVIENVILLE Village from Zero to Zero plus 20.

(III) Neutralization of MILLENCOURT and approaches to LAVIENVILLE with gas shell and H. E.

(b) Machine gun barrage, by guns provided from the M. G. Company, in Corps Reserve, as shown on the attached map. The batteries will open at Zero, and will lift as follows:

A will lift from A to A.2 at Zero plus 5.

B will lift from B to B.2 at Zero plus 8.

C will lift from C to C.2. at Zero plus 18.

D. will lift from D to D.2 at Zero plus 6.

E will lift from E to E.2 at Zero plus 5.

D.E.C.2A.2B.2 and E.2 will be the final machine gun protective s.o.s. barrage.

(c) The garrisons of the trenches will provide covering fire on the flanks of the attack, and this will be supplemented by a proportion of the machine guns of the 400th Brigade and attached Regiments.

6. The attacking troops will not take over the defence of the line from its present garrison, but will pass through them.

7. Six—6" Newton Mortars, and the Stokes Mortars of the troops holding the line, will assist in the operation by bombarding LAVIENVILLE Village from Zero to Zero plus 20.

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19 July, 1918.

Supplementary to Field Orders No. 11.

Zero Hour: 3 a. m., 19 July, 1918.

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Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
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FRANCE, 23 July, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 12—TRAINING EXERCISE.

MAP REFERENCE: 1:20,000 SENLIS.

1. (a) As per Field Orders No. 12, Headquarters 33rd Division, A. E. F., dated 21 July, 1918, the first Battalion, 131st Infantry, will occupy BAIZIEUX System, Northern Sector, by 9 p. m., 23 July, 1918.

(b) Battalion Boundaries:

From D.1d.3.5. to V.25.b.4.6.

(c) Battalion Command Post:

V.25.c.1.5.

2. Battalion will occupy these trenches until such time as arrangements are made with the 47th Division (British) to go into the front line.

3. Regimental Headquarters PIERREGOT until further notice.

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Colonel.

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FRANCE, July 26th, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 13—TRAINING EXERCISE.

MAP REFERENCE: 1:20,000 SENLIS.

1. (a) As per Field Orders No. 12 Headquarters, 33rd Division, A. E. F., dated 21 July, 1918, the Second Battalion, 131st Infantry, will occupy BAIZIEUX System, Northern Sector, by 9 p. m., 27th July, 1918.

(b) Battalion Boundaries.

From V.25.b.4.6 to V.20.a.9.9.

(c) Battalion Command Posts.

V.19.a.9.4.

2. Battalion will occupy these trenches until such time as arrangements are made with the 47th Division (British) to go into the front line.

3. Regimental Headquarters PIERREGOT until further notice.

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FRANCE, 27th July, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 14—TRAINING EXERCISE.

MAP REFERENCE: 1:20,000 SENLIS.

1. (a) This Regiment less the Battalion in the front line plus such companies of the 124th M. G. Bn. as will be assigned later will occupy the BAIZIEUX System (Northern Sector) at Zero. The sectors to be assigned to the different Battalions will be advised on order to man battle stations.

(b) Regimental boundaries: D.1.b.5.3. to V.20.a.9.9.

Right Battalion: D.1.b.5.3. to V.25.b.4.7.

Left Battalion: V.25.b.4.7. to V.20.a.9.9.

Reserve Battalion: Back of Ridge behind U.29.e.2.4.

(c) Command Posts: Regtl. U.29.e.9.2.

R. Bn. V.25.e.1.5.

L. Bn. V.19.a.9.4.

Res. Bn. U.29.a.9.2.

2. Dispositions of companies of Battalions as to sector in the front line and in support will be advised later.

3. Commanding Officer, Machine Gun Companies as are detailed to this Regiment will select positions and submit to Regimental Commander for approval.

4. C. O. Trench Mortar has arranged for location of his mortars as follows:

V.20.e.0055. V.20.e.1095. V.30.e.1595. V.20.e.5590. V.20.e.6595. V.20.e.8095.

5. C. O. 1-lb. Cannon will report to Regimental Commander for assignment.

6. Regimental Surgeon has arranged for dressing stations as follows:

R. Bn., V.25.e.1.5. Res. Bn., as selected.

L. Bn., V.19.e.6.6. Regtl., C.29.e.9.4.

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Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 30th July, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 15—TRAINING EXERCISE.

MAP REFERENCE: SENLIS, 1:20,000.

1. (a) As per Field Orders No. 12, Headquarters 33rd Division, A. E. F., dated 21 July, 1918, the Third Battalion, 131st Infantry, will occupy the BAIZIEUX System, Northern Sector, by 9 p. m., 31st July, 1918.

(b) Battalion Boundaries:

From D.1.b.5.3. to V.25.b.4.7.

(c) Battalion Command Post:

V.25.c.1.5.

2. Battalion will occupy these trenches until such time as arrangements are made with the 47th Division (British) to go into the front line.

3. Regimental Headquarters PIERREGOT until further notice.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 1st August, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 16—TRAINING EXERCISE.

MAP REFERENCE: 1:20,000 SENLIS.

1. (a) As per Field Orders No. 13, Headquarters 33rd Division, A. E. F., dated 31st July, 1918, the First Battalion, 131st Infantry, will occupy the BAIZIEUX System, Northern Sector, by 9 p. m., 3rd August, 1918.

(b) Battalion Boundaries:

From D.1.b.5.3. to V.25.b.4.7.

(c) Battalion Command Post:

V.25.c.1.5.

2. Battalion will occupy these trenches until such time as arrangements are made with the 47th Division (British) to go into the front line.

3. Regimental Headquarters PIERREGOT until further notice.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, August 7th, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 17.

Ref. Map: SENLIS SHEET, 1:20,000.

1. (a) As per 47th (LONDON) Division Order No. 253, this Regiment will be placed in Reserve behind the 132nd Infantry Regiment and will be disposed as follows:

1 Battalion: BAIZIEUX System near BAIZIEUX.

1 Battalion: Vicinity of town of BAIZIEUX. Bn. Hq. in town of BAIZIEUX.

1 Battalion: PIERREGOT.

Regt'l. Hdqrs: PIERREGOT.

(b) The 66th Brigade will take over the front now held by the 37th Brigade

(Left Brigade, Left Center Division, III Corps) as far south as E.20.d.2.1. on the night of 7th/8th August under orders G.O.C. 47th Division (British) in consultation G.O.C. 12th Division (British).

(c) On a date to be notified later and after the above reliefs and movements have been completed the 66th Inf. Brigade will take over the tactical command of the 131st and 132nd Infantry Regiments with H. Q. in the vicinity of BAIZIEUX.

2. (a) Command of the front from the present southern Divisional Boundary as far south as E.20.d.2.1. will pass from the G.O.C. 12th Division to the G.O.C. 47th Division at 12 midnight, 7th/8th August.

(b) The southern boundary of the 47th Division will then be an east and west line through E.20.d.0.0., but FRANVILLIERS, ROUND WOOD AND BEHENCOURT will be inclusive to the Division on the right.

3. (a) The 124th Machine Gun Battalion is placed under the tactical command of the O. C. 47th Bn. M. G. Corps, who will arrange for the Machine Gun defense of the new area to be taken over (relieving the guns of the 12th Division) and for the relief of the two left companies of the 50th Bn. M. G. Corps at present in the LAVIE-VILLE LINE.

4. Moves will take place as in attached table.

5. Regimental Surgeon will arrange for Dressing Stations. The Medical arrangements in this new area is being arranged by the A.D.M.S. (British). Our Surgeon will therefore communicate with them regarding the above.

6. The Regimental Signal Officer will arrange signal communication between various organizations.

7. The Trench Mortar and One-Pound Cannon Platoon will remain at PIERREGOT until further orders.

8. Machine Gun Company, PIERREGOT, until further orders.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

FOR DISPOSITIONS AUG. 8TH TO 19TH SEE ALSO BRITISH ORDERS
CHAPTER XVI.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
A. E. F.

FIELD ORDERS No. 18.

August 13, 1918.

MAP REFERENCE: 62D. Scale 1/40,000.

1. Disposition of troops in the front line will be reorganized on the night of 13-14 inst., as follows:

1st Battalion of the 131st Infantry will relieve the two companies of the 51st Bn. in the front line from L 20d 33 to L 32d 11. The remaining two companies of the 1st Bn. will relieve support companies of the 51st Australian Battalion in the support line from L 20 c 14 to L 25 b 91 to L 25d 13. Hq. of the 1st Bn. situated at K 24 b 24 will not move.

2. 3rd Battalion, 131st Infantry, will relieve 1st Battalion, 131st Infantry, and take over line from K 24 b 24 to K 29 Central. Battalion Hq. of the 3rd Bn. will not move. Situated at present K 29 c 25.

The right boundary of the 3rd Battalion may be moved by the North and South if necessary, but left flank must be located at reference given. Troops of the 3rd Bn. are to be disposed of more thickly on the Northern flank.

3. The 2nd Battalion on relief will move to valley at K 32 b 73. 2nd Bn. Hq. will be established in valley K 32 b 73.

4. L Company of the 3rd Bn. at present attached to the 13th Australian Brigade in the front line will remain in front line until relief is completed by the 1st Bn. L Co. will then under orders from C. O. 1st Bn. be returned to 3rd Bn. in reserve line. The C. O. of 3rd Bn. will arrange to withdraw I Co. and elements of 1st Bn. at present with the 49th Australian Bn.

5. The 13th Australian Machine Gun Co. and 13th A. L. T. M. B. will not be relieved tonight. The Machine Gun Officer with one N. C. O. and the Trench Mortar Officer with one N. C. O. of the 131st infantry will reconnoiter positions at present occupied by Australian Machine Guns and trench mortars in sector from L 20 D 44 south to river and will be prepared to relieve tomorrow night 14th-15th August.

6. On taking over your sector on line tonight the 1st Bn. will arrange for a liaison patrol to be in touch with the extreme left of the front line of the unit on your right on the south side of the river. A similar patrol from the unit on your right is being arranged to perform similar functions on your side of the river. The duty of these patrols is to maintain touch between the two divisions across the river.

7. The 131st Infantry northern boundary will now run from K 24 b 51 to L 19 A 21 to L 19 c 17 to L 20d 44. Completion of relief will be notified to Regimental Headquarters by code word RATS.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

August 14th, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 19.

REFERENCE MAP: Scale 1/40,000. Sheet 62D.

1. The following reliefs will take place tonight, 14th-15th August, 1918:

(a) The 1st Bn. of the 131st Inf. will relieve the 50th Australian Infantry Battalion in the front line between L 20 d 3.3 to L 14 d 5.4 to BRAY-EITNEHEM Road at L 14 d 5.4.

On completion of this relief the 1st Bn. disposition will be as follows:

Three companies in the front line between L 14 d 5.4 and L 32 d 1.1, and one company in support between L 25 d 13 and L 20 c 2.5.

(b) The 131st Inf. Machine Gun Co. will relieve the personnel of the 13th Australian Machine Gun Company in the right Brigade Sector tonight.

(c) The 131st Infantry Trench Mortar Battery will relieve the personnel of the 13th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery in the right Brigade sector tonight.

2. Details of the above reliefs will be arranged mutually between the Commanding Officers concerned.

3. Trench stores, maps, photographs and defense schemes will be taken over on relief and receipts given. Copies of receipts to be forwarded to Regt'l. Hq. within 24 hrs. after relief.

4. The 131st Infantry Machine Gun Company and Trench Mortar Battery will forward to Regimental Headquarters as soon as possible a sketch showing dispositions of guns taken over from the units of the 13th Australian Brigade, and location and contents of any ammunition dumps taken over.

5. Completion of relief will be wired to Regimental Hq. by code word "KANSAS."

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
FRANCE.

August 15, 1918.

MEMORANDUM TO BATTALION COMMANDERS AND COMMANDING OFFICER M. G. Co.

SUBJECT: Sighting of LEWIS GUNS.

1. The following points will be kept in mind by Company and Platoon Commanders when selecting sights for Lewis Guns in a defensive front line:

2. Guns should be sighted in such a position that all roads, ditches and other likely routes in front of the trenches are covered by direct fire. Any route open to the enemy as a means for approaching your front line easily must be covered at all times. Wherever possible guns will be sighted in such a way as to give cross fire on the whole of the front to be defended.

3. The attached tracing of the front at present occupied by the 1st Bn., 131st Inf., shows sights selected as conforming to the general requirements of the situation. It will be seen that all approaches to the front line are covered and that cross fire is brought to bear on the whole of the ground in front of the front line.

4. Where necessary the 1st Battalion will arrange to resight their guns so as to conform as near as possible to the attached tracing.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

SEVERRA A. STENSON,
Captain and Adjutant, 131st Infantry,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

August 15, 1918.

MEMORANDUM TO BATTALION COMMANDERS:

1. It is proposed to relieve the front line Battalion of this Regiment each four days and to have one (1) Battalion in support and one (1) in rest with dispositions as at present. By this means each Battalion will spend four (4) days in the front line, four (4) days in rest and four (4) days in support.

2. On going into rest Battalion Area each Battalion Commander will take immediate steps to:

- (a)—Rest his men.
- (b)—Refit with fighting equipment.
- (c)—REORGANIZE HIS Battalion.

THIS opportunity should be taken to see that all men are fitted out with clean underclothing and are allowed to bathe in the river and lagoons as frequently as possible. As this Battalion may be needed at any time for the purpose of counter-attack it is necessary that it be re-equipped as quickly as possible and demands forwarded to Regimental Supply Officer to complete all shortages as soon as the Battalion comes into the rest area.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

SEVERRA A. STENSON,
Captain and Adjutant, 131st Infantry,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
A. E. F.

August 15, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 20.

REFERENCE MAP: Sheet 62D. Scale 1:40,000.

1. The following rearrangement of disposition of front line Battalion will take place tonight, 15-16 August-18:

(a) Co. C, First Battalion, will hold front line from BRAY-EITNEHEM Road at L.14.d.5.4. to L.20 Central, inclusive.

(b) Co. D will hold from L.20. Central, exclusive to L.32.d.3.1., inclusive. D.Co. will have in the sector shown above four (4) extra Lewis Guns and teams from B Co.

(c) Co. B, less four (4) Lewis Guns, will be held in close support to Co. D in trenches L.32.a. and L.26.c.

(d) Co. A will be held in support in L.19.b. and d. as support to Co. C.

2. The left front line company will be held strongly by Lewis guns and rifle sections, as this sector is most likely to be attacked.

The right company sector will be held by a series of Lewis gun posts only. The remainder of the personnel of that company will be held in close support in L.32.a. and L.26.c.

Companies A and B must be prepared to support either flank of the Battalion sector in case of attack, but it is not anticipated that the right Company sector will be attacked.

3. Wiring of Company fronts must be proceeded with forthwith, and active patrolling of the river and marshes in the immediate vicinity of the front must be carried out during the hours of darkness. Report as to what is seen and heard will be forwarded to Regimental Headquarters by wire immediately after daylight.

4. On completion of the above rearrangement the First Battalion Commander will wire Regimental Headquarters by code word "HUN."

SANBORN,
*Colonel.*HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
FRANCE.

August 16, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 21.

1. The following reliefs will take place on the night of 17th-18th Aug.-18:

(a) The 3rd Battalion, 131st Inf., will relieve the 1st Bn. in the front line sector on the night 17th-18th.

(b) The 2nd Bn. will relieve the 3rd Bn. in support Battalion area on the night 17th-18th.

(c) On relief the 1st Bn. will move to rest Battalion Area in valley K 32 b.

2. On completion of the above moves the disposition of the Regiment will be as follows:

Front Line—3rd Battalion. Support Line—2nd Battalion.

Rest Area—1st Battalion.

3. On the night 16th-17th all Battalions will send forward advance parties consisting of Officers and N. C. O.'s and Lewis gunners not exceeding 50 per Battalion in all to Battalion Sector, which is to be relieved on the night of 17th-18th. These parties will reconnoiter positions at present occupied by Battalions to be relieved.

4. All trench stores, aeroplane photographs, defense schemes and working party details will be handed over on relief.

5. Liaison Patrol on the south side of the river will be relieved by 3rd Battalion the same time as the Battalion relief takes place.

6. Subject to the terms of this order all details of relief will be arranged mutually between Battalion Commanders concerned.

7. Completion of relief by each Battalion will be wired to Regimental Headquarters by the Code Word "NAPOO."

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

August 17, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 22.

1. Subject to weather conditions being favorable, gas projectors will be discharged by "Z" Special Co. R E from vicinity of K.20.a. Central against southwestern corner of BRAY at 3 a. m. night of 17-18.

2. The objective, location of emplacement of projectors, and danger zone are shown on accompanying map attached.

3. Troops will be moved to the flanks from within the RED shaded area on attached map—from 2:50 a. m. till 3:20 a. m. on the morning of the 18th instant.

4. Troops within the GREEN shaded area will wear the S.B. Respirator adjusted from 2:50 a. m. till 3:20 a. m. on the 18th instant, or until such time as the officer in charge of the sector affected decides that the area is clear of gas.

5. The Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion will detail an officer who is thoroughly conversant with the roads through EITNEHEM and the forward area. He will meet Lieut. WEBSTER, who is in charge of limbers, at the Dressing Station near K.24.c.0.0. at 9:30 p. m. This officer will accompany Lieut. WEBSTER to emplacements.

6. Lieut. WHITEHEAD (Z Special Co. R E) is in charge of operations as a whole. He will keep in close touch with the Commander of the 3rd Battalion and will inform him if the discharge is to be made or not.

7. The following code words will be used in connection with the operation:

Operation will take place—HONOLULU.

Operation canceled—A. D.

Operation completed—CLUB.

8. The Heavy and Field Artillery covering the sector will put down a 3-minute concentration on BRAY at 3 a. m.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 18th August, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 23.

SECRET. LIAISON FORCE.

PROVISIONAL DEFENSE SCHEME.

Ref. Sheet 62D. 1/40.000.

1. FRONTAGES AND BOUNDARIES:

The front boundaries and headquarters of formations of the Liaison Force, as well as the headquarters and approximate fronts and flank formations, are as shown on map attached.

2. DISPOSITIONS:

The front will be held by the 131st American Infantry Regiment on the right and the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade on the left, each on a single Battalion frontage, and remaining units of each formation being disposed in depth in support and reserve.

Each formation is covered by its own M. G. Company and L. T. M. Unit. The 124th American M. G. Battalion is in Divisional reserve.

3. ROLE OF THE LIAISON FORCE:

(a) The role of the Liaison Force is to protect the left flank of the Australian Corps by forming a defensive flank between the troops of the SOMME and the Corps on our left.

(b) The Liaison Force will keep pace N. of the SOMME with any advance made by our lines of the river, or will assist such advance by moving our line forward in anticipation.

(c) In the event of formations on either flank being heavily attacked and obliged to withdraw from their present front system the Liaison Force will be prepared to form a defensive flank in either direction.

4. POLICY:

It is essential at the present phase that the Liaison Force should *deny* the enemy observation of the MERICOURT EITNEHEM area in order that the left flank of the Division South of the SOMME may be secure.

This entails the present front line being maintained intact. The policy is, therefore, defensive for the present, but entails readiness to continue the advance at any moment.

5. DEFENSES:

(a) The present front line will be the main line of resistance. It joins the AMIENS defences at the point of junction with the Corps on the left. The AMIENS line is the main line of resistance of the Corps on the left.

(b) A support system is being constructed under Divisional arrangements, as shown in red on the attached map.

Formations will keep in close touch with the 13th Field Company as regards the progress of this system, and will take over posts within their boundaries from the 13th Field Company as soon as they are spit-locked to a depth of one foot.

Formations will complete posts from this stage to a depth of 4' 6" below ground level and will garrison them as completed.

The Support System joins with the Second Line System of the Corps on our left, which is being constructed on the line as shown on the map attached.

The G. R. E. in conjunction with the 13th Inf. Bde. will ensure that suitably sited posts are constructed at the point of junction.

(c) A Reserve System is being reconnoitered, as shown in blue on the attached map. Separate instructions will be issued in this regard.

6. PRINCIPLES OF DEFENSE:

(a) The present front line is the line of resistance *and will be held at all costs*. Troops will not retire from any one line to another.

(b) The Front System will be held as lightly as is consistent with security by a series of mutually supporting posts. Lewis and Machine Guns will be sited for flanking fire and cover all possible approaches to our line. Each company group of posts will have its own local support.

(c) Active patrolling will ensure against surprise, and is further essential in order to secure constant information as to the enemy's location and his strength.

(d) The front will be wired.

(e) If the line is broken it will be restored by counter attack on the initiative of the *Unit Commander on the spot*. This applies to all support and reserve units down to platoons, except the Division and Brigade Reserves.

(f) *Observation posts will be established* in front of the main line as far forward as possible to maintain complete observation over country well to the front and flanks.

7. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK:

(a) Should the enemy penetrate our line he will be held in a pocket and immediately counter-attacked, preferably from a flank, by the supports and reserves held by the Commander on the spot, without reference to higher authority.

All Commanders should have their plans for local counter attack made and known to all ranks, and all troops in support and reserve of front line battalions should be clear as to their course of action in the event of hostile penetration of any part of their front.

Detailed knowledge of the ground is essential on the part of all officers, in order that the local counter attack may be delivered without delay.

(b) The front line and support Battalions are at the disposal of Brigade and Regimental Commanders for the purpose of maintaining the front system.

The Reserve Battalion represents the Divisional reserve at the disposal of the G. O. C. Liaison Force.

As the reserve Battalions may be employed in case of necessity on any portion of the Liaison Force front they must be familiar with all forward routes and approaches.

(c) In the event of a heavy attack on our front action will be taken as follows by Brigade and Regimental Commanders.

All troops in front lines and support positions will stand to on the order from Headquarters Liaison Force "*STAND BY.*" First line transport will be ready to move with full echelons at 15 minutes' notice.

Battalion in Divisional Reserve will stand by ready to move at 15 minutes' notice.

On receipt of the order "*MOVE*" from Headquarters, Liaison Force, Brigade and Regimental Commanders will move their reserve Battalions to positions of assembly as under:

Reserve Battalion of 131st American Infantry Regiment from MALARD WOOD VALLEY (K.32.b.) to the western slopes of the CHIPILLY SPUR in K.27.a. & c. C. O. Reserve Battalion of 131st Regiment will at the same time send an officer to the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters at K.28.d.8.2. to await further orders from Liaison Force Headquarters.

Reserve Battalion of 13th Australian Infantry Brigade from CHIPILLY VALLEY to the Valley in K.21.a. & c.

Support Battalions will be moved to suitable positions previously selected under orders of Brigade and Regimental Commanders.

8. POSSIBLE ENEMY ACTION:

Hostile action may taken the form of:

(a) Raids for purposes of identification.

(b) Attack on our salient in L.14 from the direction of BRAY and square L.9.

(c) Attack on the high ground on our left sector from the direction of L.7 & L.8.

(d) Attack in strength on the Corps on our left, involving an attack on our front in L.13 and L.14.

(e) Attempt to regain the high ground in the bend of the river in L.26 and L.32.

The following measures will be taken to meet these possible contingencies:

(a) Active patrolling and alertness on the part of the front line garrison, combined

with wiring of posts and approaches and well-sited Lewis guns will break up a raid or attack on a small scale.

(b) (c) (d) The pushing forward of advanced posts into positions to command the re-entrants and covered approaches to our line in L.7.d., L.14.a. & L.15.c. should give early warning of any concentration.

All such approaches will be made the special targets of indirect M. G. fire, a nightly fire programme, which will be constantly varied will be drawn up and carried out in each 24 hours.

Our shrapnel barrage (18 pounders) covers our line at a distance of 500 yards from our front and is sufficiently thick to prevent the reinforcement of any hostile attack from the direction of L.7—L.8—L.9 & L.15.

(e) Any attempt to regain the high ground in the loop in L.26 & 32. will be preceded by concentration in L.21 and 27 and by subsequent infiltration across the few possible marsh and river crossings or along the Northern bank of the river from BRAY.

This will be met by active patrolling of the area in Square L.27 and by vigilance of the posts covering the possible river crossings. Machine Guns and Lewis Guns should be sited to cover possible avenues of approach.

Constant lateral patrolling between posts is essential.

9. Artillery arrangements are as shown in Appendix attached.

10. In order that close touch may be kept with Units and formations on our flanks, liaison arrangements have been made as shown in Appendix "A."

Officers carrying out liaison duties will not be relieved without reference to Headquarters, Liaison Force.

Officers on liaison duty will visit the Headquarters of the formation which they represent once daily, in order to keep fully in touch with the situation.

11. The Light Horse troop has carried out reconnoissances of the forward area, and will be held ready for such further action as may be required. O. C., Troop, will keep himself informed of the development of bridging over the SOMME, and will ensure that all N. C. O.'s know the forward area and the routes thereto.

12. The S. O. S. Signal now in force is a No. 32 rifle grenade throwing Red over Red.

13. Signal arrangements will be issued separately.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 19th August, 1918.

SECRET.

FIELD ORDERS No. 24.

REFERENCE MAP: 62D 1:40,000.

1. The 131st Infantry will be relieved by the 3rd Australian Division on the night of August 19-20th.

2. Details of relief will be arranged mutually by the Commanding Officers of Battalions concerned.

3. (a) All food containers, petrol tins, S. A. A. bombs, S. O. S. flares and Very Lights, barbed wire, steel pickets, long and short, picks and shovels, will be collected and dumped at Company Headquarters and handed over to incoming Companies and

Battalions, and receipts obtained for same in duplicate, one receipt to be forwarded to Regimental Headquarters by bicycle orderly, reporting to Regimental Headquarters as per Par. 11.

(b) Similarly all marked maps, air photos, defense schemes and local information will be passed to incoming units.

(c) All Lewis Guns, magazines and American pistol ammunition to be brought with units.

4. On completion of relief you will notify Regimental Headquarters by the code word "STOCKYARDS" at present location by wire. Regimental Headquarters will be at present location until relief is completed.

5. Upon completion, units of the Regiment will proceed to areas as under, independently and bivouac, arrival in bivouac area to be notified to Regimental Hq. at P. 10 B. 90.17.

Regimental Headquarters—P.10.b.90.17. 3rd Battalion—P.4.a.5060.

1st Battalion—P.28.a.30.30.

Hq. Co., all sections—P.10.e.2010.

2nd Battalion—P.11.b.5030.

M. G. Co.—P.5.e.3070.

6. On receipt of this order one Officer and four N. C. O.'s per Battalion will proceed to reconnoiter and arrange billeting in the aforesaid area. They will arrange to meet the Battalions this evening and guide them direct to billeting area. This same billeting detail to be prepared to move to next billeting area the morning of the 20th for similar duty. Battalion Commanders will arrange for their own transport.

7. One pound Cannon Platoon will rejoin Headquarters Co. at P.10.e.2010 tonight.

8. Rations will be delivered at HAMEL on the 20th instant.

9. Battalion Commanders will pay particular attention to cleanliness of areas before handing over.

10. Route to bivouac area from present location will be WEST along road in K.31, 32 and 33 squares to SAILLY LAURETTE, thence south across river at GAILLY to crossroads at Q.7.a.4.8., thence west to crossroads at P.4.d.1.2. and thence under own guides to bivouac area.

11. Bicycle orderly will report to Regimental Headquarters at P.10.b.90.17. when Battalions are settled in bivouac area to act as Battalion runner.

12. All Australian personnel at present attached to 131st Infantry Regiment will rendezvous at Regimental Hq. P.10.b.90.17 at 9:30 a. m. 20th instant to rejoin their units.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,

HAMEL—P.10.a.6.2.

SECRET.

August 20th, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 25.

REFERENCE MAP: 62D 1:40,000.

1. The 131st Infantry will move from GAILLY area to AUBIGNEY area on afternoon of August 20th.

2. The Regiment will move in two columns, as follows:

Column	Composed of	Starting Point	Time	Route
A	3rd Battalion	P.4.c.4.4.	6:00 p. m.	Road in Squares P.1.2.3.
	2nd Battalion	P.4.c.4.4.		
	M. G. Company	P.4.c.4.4.		
B	1st Battalion	P.10.a.6.3.	6:30 p. m.	and 0.10.12. Road in Squared 9.d.15.a. 14.b.d.20.a.13.a.c0.18.b.a. 11.a.c.
	Hq. Company	P.10.a.6.3.		

The order of march will be as per above table.

3. Guides will meet Column A at crucifix at crossroads in O.10.d.6.8. and proceed to area assigned, without halting at this point. Guides will meet Column B at same crucifix at crossroads O.10.d.6.8. and proceed to area assigned to them.

4. Column A will be in command of Major Allen. Column B will be in command of Captain Richmond.

5. Interval of 500 yards between Battalions and 100 yards between companies will be maintained. Strict compliance with SS724 march discipline and traffic control is imperative. In order that no blocking of roads may occur, columns will move promptly from designated points.

6. Administrative orders issued provide for guide to move forward to designated area.

7. Troops will prepare to march to POULAINVILLE on August 21st.

8. Unit Commanders will communicate with Regimental Headquarters (location to be forwarded) upon arrival. Each column Commander will detail one Officer and ten men to march in rear of each column to pick up and bring in stragglers and report same to their respective Commanders. Transport will march in rear of units to which they belong.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AUBIGNY 0.9.a.2.7.

21st August, 1918.

SECRET.

FIELD ORDERS No. 25½.

REFERENCE MAP: 62D 1:40,000.

1. The 131st Infantry will move from the AUBIGNY area to POULAINVILLE area at 6 p. m., August 21st, 1918.

2. The order of march will be as per table below:

Order of March	Starting Point	Time	Route
Hq. Co.	0.9.a.3.7.	6 p. m.	
1st Bn.			AUBIGNY—DAOURS—VEC-
2nd Bn.			QUEMONT—BUSSY—ALLON-
3rd Bn.			VILLE—POULAINVILLE.
M. G. Co.			

3. Units will form up in their area with head of column near road and move into the road in consecutive order so as not to block traffic. Transport will march in rear of units to which they belong. Strict compliance with SS 724, March Discipline and Traffic Control.

4. Interval of 500 yards between Battalions, 100 yards between Companies, 100 yards between Battalions and its transports.

5. Billeting guides will meet column at crossroads, ALLONVILLE-POULAINVILLE road, G.3.d.8.1., report to their respective units upon arrival at this point and proceed to area assigned them.

6. Administrative orders covering details will be issued separately.

7. Scout Officer of the 1st Battalion with details will form advance party and station guides at all necessary crossroads or turns. Scout Officer of 3rd Battalion with detail will march in rear of column to collect all stragglers and make a report to Regimental Commander upon arrival at destination.

8. Section of the 129th Field Ambulance Company attached to the 131st Infantry will proceed to POULAINVILLE area at 2 p. m. August 21st, 1918.

9. The 124th M. G. Battalion will proceed to the POULAINVILLE area at a time designated by their Commanding Officer.

10. Unit Commanders will communicate with Regimental Headquarters upon arrival. They will hold their command in readiness to move at short notice.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
FRANCE.

August 22, 1918.

SECRET.

FIELD ORDERS No. 26.

Poulainville Map Sheet 62 D-62 E 1:40,000

1. Upon arrival at Poulainville the 129th Field Ambulance Co. and the 124th M. G. Battalion will come under orders of the 33rd Division and will proceed as per Field Orders No. 16, Hq. 33rd Division, A. E. F.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
POULAINVILLE 62d G 7 b 98.

August 22, 1918.

SECRET.

FIELD ORDERS No. 27.

Map Sheets: 62 D, 62 E 1:40,000.

1. The 131st Inf. will prepare to move by rail on Aug. 24th. Duration of journey will be 2 days.

Train departures are from St. Roche, Map Sheet 62 E, R 10 Central, as per table below:

DATE: August 24th, 1918.

Entraining Station	Train No.	Unit	Hour of Departure :	
			French Time	American Time
St. Roche B	3	1st Battalion (Complete), outpost section F. S. Bn. Colonel Commanding, Adjutant, and Operation Officer.	3 :52	3 :52 a. m.
St. Roche B	7	Regimental Hq. Headquarters Co. Supply Co., M. G. Co., Medical and Ordnance Detachments, and Lt. Colonel.	7 :52	7 :52 a. m.
St. Roche B	11	2nd Battalion (Complete), and 66th Bgde. Hqrs.	11 :52	11 :52 a. m.
St. Roche B	15	3rd Battalion (Complete).	15 :52	3 :52 p. m.

- 2.(a) Transport will be at entraining points 3 hours before departure of train.
- (b) Troops will arrive at stations one hour before time of departure.
- (c) All movements by roads will be governed by IV Army Standing Orders No. 358, and previous instructions received for the movement of troops on French Railways. Special attention will be given to train guards and troop discipline en route. Caution all troops to give no information of route or destination.
3. Administration orders covering details will be issued separately.
4. Roads to entraining points will be thoroughly reconnoitered by Scout Officers of each section previous to movement. The route to entraining point will be as follows: Map sheet 62D—G7a Map sheet 62ED12a. 11d. 17ac 23ac, 29 Central, 35ac, R4bd, 10 Central.

5. Detrainment will be announced to troops by Bugle Calls:
 - (a) Preparatory signal, "ATTENTION."
 - (b) To leave train, "ONE LONG BLAST."
 - (c) To entrain, "ASSEMBLY."
6. (a) Orders for detrainment and allotment of billets will be issued to units upon arrival in new area.
- (b) Billeting parties will travel as per administration orders.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 22nd August, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS NO. 1

(To Accompany Field Orders No. 27.)

TRAIN COMMANDERS:

1. The following Train Commanders are hereby appointed for movement of August 24th:

- 1st Section, Train No. 3—Captain John M. Richmond.
- 2nd Section, Train No. 7—Lieut. Colonel J. M. Eddy.
- 3rd Section, Train No. 11—Major Hamlet C. Ridgway.
- 4th Section, Train No. 15—Major Francis M. Allen.

TRANSPORT:

1. Transport will be at the entraining station *three hours before* the hour of departure of the trains, not before nor after. This includes the lorries which are assigned to the different Battalions.

LIST OF FREIGHT, ETC.:

2. The Train Quartermaster of each train will hand to the R. T. O. a statement of the number of officers, men, horses, mules, vehicles (by type) and amount of baggage traveling on his train. Ten (10) trucks have been detailed to the Regiment for work in connection with moving our freight and baggage which cannot be transported on our transport. Guards for the transport, which is placed on flat cars, will be arranged for by the Train Commanders direct.

BILLETING PARTIES:

3. The Billeting Officers, one Officer from each Battalion and one from Headquarters Company, will report to 1st Lieut. Joseph C. Grayson, at AMIENS STATION, AMIENS, by 4:30 p. m. tomorrow, August 23rd, who will give instructions regarding billeting and arrange for transportation. The Officer from Headquarters Company will arrange for Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Machine Gun Company and Supply Company. The details from this Regiment to report to Regimental Headquarters by 3:30 p. m. from where lorry will take them to AMIENS. The detail will also report to G-1, 33rd Division, on August 24th, in accordance with instructions issued to Lieut. Grayson.

RATIONS AND FORAGE:

4. The Regimental Supply Officer will issue two days' travel and two days' field rations, one iron ration, to be carried by the men, and four days' forage, which will be taken along by the organizations.

RIFLES AND AMMUNITION:

5. One hundred rounds of ammunition for the Springfield rifles, which have been issued in exchange for the British rifles, will be carried on the person of each man armed with a rifle. British bayonets will be turned in with the rifles. Bayonet scab-

bards and frogs, if there be any on hand, will be retained. All British ammunition will be turned in to Supply Officer.

OTHER ARMS:

6. Stokes Mortars and fifty rounds of ammunition per gun will be taken. All 37 mm. and .45 cal. ammunition will be taken. Vickers, Maxim and Lewis Guns will be turned in. Grenades will all be turned in.

SALVAGE:

7. All surplus property above the authorized equipment will be turned in to the Regimental dump, from where it will be salvaged by the Salvage Corps. The Supply Officer will submit a locality report to the Division Q. M. before the departure of the Regiment from this area. A guard of one man from each Battalion and one from Headquarters Company, and one from Machine Gun Company, and also one N. C. O. from the 1st Battalion will be placed over this dump and left behind to be forwarded later. This guard is to be supplied with five day's rations.

SANITARY AND MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

9. All areas and billets occupied by men of this Regiment must be thoroughly policed. The Regimental Surgeon will arrange for the evacuation of all sick.

10. The last unit, which in our case will be the 4th Section, in command of Major Allen, will report by wire to G-3, II Corps, the time of its leaving, with information that it is the last unit of the organization.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

August 23, 1918.

MEMORANDUM: Reference to Field Order No. 27.

Attached Maps show route through Amiens to St. Roche Station Yard. One Map to each Transport Officer and Scout Officer of your Command.

The A. P. M. and Traffic Captain of Amiens will have 8 posts established for the purpose of guiding the Regiment through the city and for the control of traffic. (Posts shown on Map.) The time estimated for the march is 2 hours and 15 minutes from church in Poulainville to St. Roche.

To move out of Poulainville, take road past church going north. The first turn on left and take road due west before crossing main Albert-Amiens road. Amiens map will show the route and crossings beyond this point.

All troops will clear Poulainville and Goisy before 9 p. m. tonight and bivouac along road, keeping out of standing crops and grain shocks.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

S. A. STENSON,
Captain and Adjutant, 131st Infantry,
Adjutant.
CONFIDENTIAL.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

PRIORITY URGENT.

FRANCE, August 31, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 28.

1. Complying with confidential memorandum No. 2, Hq. 33rd Div., Aug. 28, 1918, Par. 1 and F. O. No. 16, Par. 2, Hq. 33rd Div., Aug. 30, 1918, the Commanding Officer

of the 2nd Bn. now at Gery will move his command to Salmagne the afternoon of August 31st, 1918.

2. Your billeting detail will make immediate arrangements with the A. T. M. Salmagne for accommodations for your Battalion.

3. It is desired that Co.'s be forwarded one hour apart—no loafing on road, transport at a different time.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 6th September, 1918.

ADVANCE INFORMATION:

The Regiment will probably move some time tonight on lorries or busses.

Each man is to be equipped with his blankets and one day's rations, which should be taken on the bus by the man.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

S. A. STENSON,
Captain and Adjutant, 131st Infantry,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

SECRET.

6th Sept., 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 29.

Map Sheet, Bar-le-Duc: 1/50,000.

1. As per verbal warning order this Regiment will move today from its present station as per time table below by means of busses:

UNITS	EMBUSSING STATION	TIME	DESTINATION
Regtl. Hq.	East Exit to Tronville	7:15 P. M.	Baleicourt
Hq. Co.			
Med. Det.			
M. G. Co.			
1st Bn.			
2nd Bn.	East Exit to Tronville	7:15 P. M.	Nixeville
3rd Bn.	Road Junction 800 Meters South of Guer- pont.	7:00 P. M.	Camp De Sivry

2. Commanders will be prepared to march so as to arrive at the embussing points at the exact time indicated and in the order of march as per table.

3. Commanders will comply with all requirements contained in Confidential Memorandum No. 2 and Addendum, paying special attention to secrecy of troop movements.

4. Administration instructions will be issued separately.

5. Billeting details will move as per administration order.

6. Transports will be ready to move from their respective areas at 6:30 p. m. under command of their Transport Officer, who will receive instructions from and be under the command of the Regimental Supply Officer.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 6th September, 1918.

ADMINISTRATION ORDER (in connection with Field Order No. 29).

1. Battalion Commanders will appoint an Inspecting Officer to inspect all billets and transport lines to see that they are left in a clean and sanitary condition. All refuse is to be buried.
2. Commanding Officer Machine Gun Co. will detail one Officer, who will be responsible for all other detachments not covered by Battalions.
3. Blanket rolls will be made up with two days' reserve rations in the rolls with the blanket, coats on the outside.
4. Every man will be equipped with 100 rounds of ammunition in his belt, extra ammunition to be placed on trucks with one day's field rations.
5. Each Battalion will be furnished with three trucks, Hq. Co. Med. Det. and M. G. Co. three trucks. R. H. Q. one truck.
6. Billeting details as previously arranged.
7. 3rd Bn. will leave one Officer to settle claims in Loisey if it is found that they cannot be settled before the Battalion leaves, rejoining his Battalion as soon as his work is completed by railroad or lorrie, whichever means is available.
8. Travel is necessary in the public service.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

VERY SECRET.

FIELD ORDERS No. 30.

Sept. 8th, 1918.

Map Sheet: VERDUN 1/50,000.

1. Battalion Commanders will designate an advance party of one Officer per Battalion Hq. and one Officer per Company to report to C. O. 86th Infantry Regiment Sunday afternoon, September 8th, 1918.
2. Regimental Intelligence Officer will represent the Regimental Headquarters and report as per paragraph No. 1.
3. This detail will report at Regimental Headquarters at 2 p. m.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

SECRET.

FIELD ORDERS No. 31.

8th Sept., 1918.

Map Sheet: VERDUN. B 1:20,000.

1. Under orders of the 33rd Division this Regiment will move forward and become Brigade Reserve, occupying area as per table below:
- 2.

Unit	Present Position	Time	Disposition
Regt. Hq.	BAILECOURT	NIGHT	DELOLINE-LOMBUT FARM
Hq. Co.		9-10	
Hq. Med. Det.			
Hq. Sup. Co.			
M. G. Co.			
1st Bn.	BAILECOURT	9-10	SHELTERS OF DELOLINE
	Bois de SARTELL		
2nd Bn.	NIXEVILLE	9-10	BOIS BOURRUS (East)
3rd Bn.	Bois de SIVRY	9-10	BOIS BOURRUS (West)
	BLERCOURT		

3. (a) All movement by troops and transports will be executed by night.

(b) Movement will begin at 9 p. m. and will comply with Confidential Circular No. 2 and Addendum, 33rd Division, paying especial attention to Paragraphs 2, 4, 5, and Paragraph II, Addendum to Confidential Circular No. 2.

4. (a) The command of the sector known as FROMERVILLE SECTOR, as indicated on attached Map T. S. No. 10, 7-Sept.-1918, 1/50,000, will pass to the 33rd Division at 8 a. m., 10th September, 1918.

(b) The 66th Brigade reserve command will pass to the 131st Infantry at 8 a. m., 10th September, 1918.

(c) Regimental Commander, Battalion Commanders and one officer from each Company (French) will remain at their posts 24 hours after relief is completed, in an advisory capacity.

(d) One M. G. Officer per company, one chief of platoon, and one gunner per gun of established posts will remain with the incoming units making the relief, for 24 hours. (French.)

(e) All movements connected with reliefs will be completed by 12 o'clock noon, 10th September, 1918.

(f) Certain special French detachments, such as crews commanding M. G. in positions or units for whom no relief is specified will not be disturbed.

5. Battalion Commanders will arrange with their respective scout Officers to reconnoitre roads and location. Battalion Scout Officers will consult with Regimental Scout Officer as to line of march to prevent congestion between Battalions. Regimental Scout Officer will instruct special units as to route and directions.

6. Administrative orders will be issued separately.

7. Regimental Medical Officer will take over aid posts as needed, and report location to these Headquarters.

8. Commanding Officers will report to Regimental Headquarters immediately upon their arrival in new positions their Headquarters and disposition.

9. Regimental Headquarters will be located as per table.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 9th, Sept.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

SECRET.

Issued in connection with Field Orders No. 31.

1. (a) QUARTERING:

Organization Commanders will send two N. C. O.s from each company and one officer per battalion and one officer from Headquarters company, who will have charge of all organizations not covered by battalions, and Regimental Headquarters—to act

as guide so that the companies and platoons can be placed in their proper billets without any confusion. The above billeting detail will meet their different units on the road at FROMERVILLE at 9:30 tonight, September 9th, 1918.

(The above confirms message sent to Battalions and units this morning.)

2. An Officer and a sufficient detail will be left behind 24 hours to clean all billets and area occupied by troops at the present time. They will also return any property which may have been saved, to its proper place. They will also adjust any differences necessary. The above details to be made by each Battalion Commander, Sup. Co. and M. G. Co. Commanding Officers of organizations outside the Battalions will consult together so that the officers may understand thoroughly what is to be done.

3. All baggage and property which cannot be carried on transport will be placed in a building or billet and a sufficient guard left over same, in charge of a N. C. O. The transport will no doubt make two or three trips so that all articles may be up at the new Headquarters. No water transport will be available.

3. EQUIPMENT:

Troops going forward will take with them their normal packs, including the overcoat, but without blankets. The blankets can be brought forward on the transport when making the second trip.

3. MARCH DISCIPLINE:

Battalion and Unit Commanders will each detail one officer to check march discipline and report all violations of C. M. No. 2. This officer will also have charge of a squad to follow in the rear of the organization to pick up stragglers, etc. Reports are to be made by these officers to Regimental Headquarters in the above items, also reporting the number of Stragglers, with their names and organizations, on arrival at new location.

4. RATIONS:

Rations will be delivered direct to the battalion separate unit dumps, by the Regimental Supply Officer. The locations of these dumps are to be selected by Battalion and separate unit commanders and Regimental P. C. advised of same at the earliest possible moment. Companies will draw rations at the new places tomorrow.

5. STATISTICAL:

The Regimental Statistical section will remain at Bailecourt, where all company clerks will be sent with service records and such other information as is necessary to properly get out strength reports, etc., at the proper time. THE FIRST sergeants will have such data with them so as to make it possible for them to make up the changes and turn same in to the forward Regimental P. C. which will forward this information to the Statistical Section. Company Commanders will immediately formulate plans so that this information can be delivered to the Regtl. P. C. under any circumstances, having the 1st Sergeants, next 1st Sergeants, etc., get acquainted with matters necessary for these reports.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 10th September, 1918.

ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATION ORDER (issued in connection with F. O. No. 31.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

One Battalion Aid Post, 223.681—"Lorraine."

REGIMENTAL Dispensary, 216.671—Germonville.

Advanced Dressing Station (undergoing improvement: for combat), 208.697—"La Claire."

Main Dressing Station (Triage), 264.649—Glorieux.

Gas Hospital, 196.575—Souhesme.

Evacuation Point; Evacuation Hospital No. 6—Souilly.

Division Surgeon's Office, 216.653—Fromereville.

Baths for Gassed Patients—Germonville.

REMARKS: Any change in location of B. A. P. or establishment of new Posts, will be immediately reported to Bearer Post in rear of Battalion and to the Division Surgeon. An adequate supply of drugs, dressings and splints will be kept at the various Posts and Stations. When a fracture case is evacuated splints will be exchanged.

SANTARY ARRANGEMENTS:

All areas in the advance zone are equipped with bath houses and delousers. Baths in sub-sector 304 are located at MOTZEVILLE, VIGNEVILLE and BETHELAINVILLE. Baths in the Mort Homme and CUMIERES sectors are located at CHAT-TANCOURT and GERMONVILLE. With the different bath houses are delousing plants.

The Division Quartermaster will arrange to take over the bath houses and take the necessary steps to keep a supply of dry outer clothing, under clothing and socks on hand.

The Division Surgeon will take over and supervise the operation of the delousing plants.

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

The cemetery for the advance zone will be located at FROMEREVILLE, to which point the dead will be transported for burial.

Animals will be buried wherever they are killed, and should be buried within 12 hours after their death. They should be buried four feet deep, and will not be buried within 150 feet of a house, or the source of water supply, the grave being marked "A horse buried here."

PRISONERS OF WAR:

All prisoners will be sent to R. H. Q. to be interviewed by the R. I. O., after which they will be sent to Div. Hq. at Fromereville.

SALVAGE:

All Salvage will be returned to the railhead GERMONVILLE, by means of the same transportation which delivers the automatic supply of rations, etc.

WATER:

Each organization commander will locate such water supply as was used by his predecessors.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

SECRET.

P. C. 131ST INF.,
AM. EX. FORCES.

FRANCE, 20th September, 1918.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Not to be taken into front line.

FIELD ORDER No. 32.

Map Sheet VERDUN "B," 1/20,000. Secret.

1. Confirming verbal orders of this date, relief will be accomplished between a Battalion of this Regiment and a Company of the 132nd Regiment, as per table below:

Unit	Location	Move	Night of	Destination	Relieving
3rd Bn.	BOURRUS WOOD WEST.	20/21	Sept.	P. R. JAKUES.	Co. E, 132nd Inf.

2. On completion of the above relief, the disposition of the Regiment will be as follows:

1st Bn.—DELOLINE WOODS—(Present location).

2nd Bn.—BOURRUS WOODS EAST—(Present location).

3rd Bn.—P. A. JAKUES.

3. All such plans, maps and stores as relate to and are part of the Regiment in RESERVE will be kept and accounted for by the Battalions of this Regiment until disposed of.

4. Subject to the terms of this order, all details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanders concerned.

5. Guides will meet the 3rd Battalion of this Regiment at GERMONVILLE at 19:30 hour.

6. Completion of relief by 3rd Battalion will be wired to Regimental Headquarters through Brigade Headquarters by the Code Word "SANBORN."

7. Transport of the 3rd Battalion will remain at its present location tonight and proceed tomorrow, Sept. 21, 1918, as per orders of Regimental Supply Officer.

8. No other moves will be made by units of this Regiment.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C., 131ST INFANTRY,
AM. EX. FORCES.

CONFIDENTIAL.

SECRET.

France, 22nd September, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 33.

Map Sheet VERDUN "B" 1/20,000. Secret.

1. Confirming verbal orders of this date the following moves, as per table below, will be executed by units of this Regiment:

Unit	Location	Move	Night of	Destination	Remarks
2nd Bn.	BOURRUS WOOD EAST	22/23	Sept.	STRONG POINT JAKUES	On right half of JAKUES STRONG POINT
M. G. Co.	DELOLINE WOODS	22/23	Sept.	STRONG POINT JAKUES	To be attached to 2nd Bn. 131st Inf.
T. M.	DELOLINE WOODS	22/23	Sept.	STRONG POINT JAKUES	To be attached to forward Battalions
Cannon Platoon	DELOLINE WOODS	22/23	Sept.	STRONG POINT JAKUES	To be attached to forward Battalions
Band	DELOLINE WOODS	22/23	Sept.		GERMONVILLE

2. On the completion of the above move table the disposition of this Regiment will be as follows:

3rd Bn.—JAKUES STRONG POINT WEST.

2nd Bn.—JAKUES STRONG POINT EAST.

1st Bn.—DELOLINE WOODS.

M. G. Co.—JAKUES STRONG POINT with 2nd Bn.

T. M.—JAKUES STRONG POINT with 2nd Bn. and 3rd Bn.

CANNON PLATOON—JAKUES STRONG POINT with 2nd and 3rd Bns.

BAND—GERMONVILLE.

Hq. Co.—DELOLINE WOODS.

3. M. G. Co. 131, assigned to 2nd Battalion, will move forward in the rear of that Battalion from CHATTANCOURT.

4. TRENCH MORTAR Platoon will follow in rear of M. G. Co.

5. CANNON PLATOON will follow in rear of Trench Mortar.

6. Subject to the terms of this order all details and times of moves and dispositions will be mutually arranged between the Commanders concerned.

7. Guides will meet 2nd Battalion tonight at CHATTANCOURT, the time to be set by the Commanding Officer of that Battalion. The Commanding Officers of the M. G. Co., T. M. and Cannon Platoon will have only such guides as arranged for by the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion.

8. (a) On completing the moves as per table above, Commanders will wire these Headquarters through Platte by the code word "EDDY."

(b) A disposition sketch will be forwarded showing the exact location of each unit, immediately upon arrival.

9. Rations will be drawn from a Regimental dump to be established at CHATTANCOURT on the 40 c.m. railroad at 23 hour tonight, 22nd Sept., 1918.

10. The Regimental P. C. will be at DELOLINE WOOD—after 8 p. m., 22nd Sept., 1918.

11. No other moves will be made by units of this Regiment.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C., 131ST INFANTRY,

AM. EX. FORCES.

CONFIDENTIAL.

SECRET.

FRANCE, 23 September, 1918.

FIELD ORDER No. 34.

Map Sheet VERDUN "B" 1/20,000.

1. Confirming verbal orders, units of this Regiment will move as per table below:

Unit	Location	Move Night of	Destination	Remarks
1st Bn.	DELOLINE WOODS	23/24 Sept.	BETHINCOURT	Left of CHATTANCOURT
124th M. G., Co. B.	LOMBUT	23/24 Sept.	JAIQUES STRONG POINT	Attached to 3rd Bn.
Reg. P. C.	DELOLINE WOODS	23/24 Sept.	P. C. RETHEL	202.719
Co. A, 1st Gas Regt.		23/24 Sept.	JAIQUES STRONG POINT	To be attached to forward Battalion

2. On completion of the above move table the disposition of the Regiment will be as follows:

Regt. P. C.—RETHEL P. C. 202-719.

3rd Bn.—JAIQUES STRONG POINT WEST.

2nd Bn.—JAIQUES STRONG POINT EAST.

1st Bn.—TRENCHES North of CHATTANCOURT.

M. G. Co.—JAIQUES STRONG POINT with 2nd Bn.

Hq. Co.—DELOLINE WOODS.

T. M.—JAIQUES STRONG POINT with 2nd and 3rd Bns.

Cannon Platoon—JAIQUES STRONG POINT with 2nd and 3rd Bns.

Regt. Hdqrs. (Statistical Dept.)—DELOLINE WOODS.

3. 1st Battalion will move forward under arrangements made by its C. O.

4. Co. B, 124th M. G. Battalion, will move forward and report to C. O. 3rd Bn. for assignment of position.

5. Guides furnished by the 3rd Bn. will meet M. G. Co. at CHATTANCOURT CROSSING of 40 c.m. R.R.

6. All moves must be completed by daylight.

7. (a) On completing the moves as per above table C. O.'s will notify these Headquarters by the code word "TURNER."

(b) A sketch will be forwarded showing exact location and disposition of each unit.

8. Rations will be drawn as arranged for between Commanders of the units concerned and Regimental Supply Officer.

9. The Regimental P. C. will be at RETHEL 202-719 after 20 hour.

10. No other move will be made by units of this command.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C. PLIABLE,
AM. EX. FORCES.

CONFIDENTIAL.

SECRET.
FRANCE, 24th Sept., 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 35.

Map Sheet VERDUN "B" 1/20,000. Secret.

1. The enemy occupies positions north of the River FORGES. Information received proves him to be demoralized, weak and discouraged. Their morale is poor and it is known he is afraid of Americans. (C. O.'s will see that troops in their command are advised of these facts.)

2. (a) This Regiment and attached units, with the 132nd Infantry on our RIGHT and 160th Infantry Brigade on our LEFT, will attack at the day "D" hour "H." Other Divisions on our left are attacking at the same hour. The 2nd FRENCH ARMY on the EAST bank of the River MEUSE will probably execute a raid at the same time.

(b) This Regiment will form for the attack with the 3rd Battalion on the LEFT and the 2nd Battalion on the RIGHT, with their respective Machine Gun Companies. Each Battalion will have two companies in front line and two companies in support. 1st Battalion will be in reserve and follow attacking Battalions at a distance of 500 yards.

(c) The boundaries of the zone of action of this Regiment are as laid down in MAP "A" attached. The dividing line between Battalions will be a line drawn down the center of the attacking zone. The general direction of the attack will be toward GERCOURT.

(d) The attack will be made so as to quickly reach the open ground EAST and NORTH of GERCOURT and DRILLANCOURT and Trench du BOISE JURE, which will be mopped up along its entire length along our left boundary.

3. The mission of this Regiment is to organize for defense along the most available line on the WEST bank of the MEUSE RIVER, from DANNEVOUX [exclusive] to a point 0993 (inclusive).

4. (a) AN ARTILLERY BARRAGE will be laid down on line as per attached Map "A" and will travel as per Annex No. 1.

(b) A MACHINE GUN BARRAGE will be laid down as per MAP "B," Annex No. 2. Troops will maintain a distance of 300 meters behind the rolling BARRAGE, and as attack progresses will promptly clean up the entire zone of action.

5. FORMING-UP LINE:

(a) Battalions will leave front line trenches through paths cut in their wire at "H" hour in such a manner so as to form up on "Jumping-off line" without disorder.

(b) Troops will filter through marshy ground, crossing river on bridges to be

erected by engineers, as shown on MAP "C" attached.

(c) Commanding Officers will take care to protect crossing troops from enemy Machine Gun fire by sending forward scouts over the River FORGES ahead of columns.

6. *Forming-up Line* will be NORTH of FORGES river along BETHINCOURT-FORGES Road, as shown in BLUE on MAP "A."

7. All Units will be in position two hours before "H" hour.

8. LIAISON:

(a) 2nd Battalion will maintain COMBAT LIAISON with 132nd Regiment on its RIGHT during the attack with one-half platoon of Infantry.

(b) 3rd Battalion will maintain COMBAT LIAISON with troops of the 160th Infantry Brigade on its LEFT during the attack with one platoon of Infantry and one section of Machine Gun.

(c) An ARTILLERY LIAISON Officer from the supporting artillery will be attached to each forward Battalion, who will be consulted with on all matters pertaining to artillery.

(d) Battalion Commanders and Regimental Signal Officers will see that communications are maintained with all units, being prepared to employ visual, T.P.S. and T.S.F. runners and carrier pigeons as a last resort, placing no dependence upon the telephone. Rockets and Pannels will be used as per Division Liaison Table.

(e) The C. O. of the 1st Battalion under orders of the Colonel Commanding will be called upon to assist either Battalion in their advance and will prepare to mop up any positions in their rear, maintaining strong patrols on either flank in Liaison with Flanking Troops. He will be prepared to send platoons into open spaces between the two Regiments of this Brigade as shown on MAP "A" after turning movement to east has begun, co-operating with similar troops of the 132nd Regiment, protecting the LEFT flank of the 132nd Infantry and the RIGHT flank of the 131st Infantry. On the WEST boundary of Regimental Area the C. O. of this Battalion will be prepared to perform similar service to protect the troops on our LEFT.

9. UNITS ARE ATTACHED TO BATTALIONS AS PER THE FOLLOWING:

(a) Attached to Regimental P. C.:—

Co. D, 108th Engrs. (They will erect and maintain bridges across FORGES River in advance of attacking troops. They will move forward and assist Battalions in digging in when objective has been reached.)

Pioneer Platoon: In charge of senior Sergeant.

(b) Attached to 1st Battalion:—

(1) One Section each of Trench Mortars and Cannon Platoon.

One section Co. A, 1st Gas Regiment.

(2) Co. C, 124th M. G. Co., will report to C. O., 1st Bn., upon completion of Machine Gun Barrage and go forward with this Battalion.

(c) Attached to 2nd Battalion:—

131st Machine Gun Company.

One Section Co. A, 1st Gas Regiment.

One Section each of Trench Mortars and Cannon Platoon.

(d) Attached to 3rd Battalion:—

Co. B, 124th Machine Gun Company.

One Section Co. A, 1st Gas Regiment.

One Section each of Trench Mortars and Cannon Platoon.

10. At "H" hour the 1st Battalion will move forward immediately and occupy trenches vacated by the 2nd and 3rd Battalions (JAQUES STRONG POINT).

11. In addition to Artillery and Machine Gun Barrage, sections of the 1st Gas Regiment will lay down a smoke barrage along our front, hiding the crossing of the

River FORGES. Commanding Officers and Gas Officers will notify troops that this SMOKE is NOT injurious and should not be confused with Gas.

12. Regimental and Battalion Gas Officers will supervise GAS PRECAUTIONS.

13. TRANSPORTS:—Administrative orders will show arrangements of all transport and location of dumps.

14. PRISONERS:—Will be forwarded through Bn. Commander to Regimental P. C. at RETHEL.

15. STRAGGLERS:—Posts will be at CHATTANCOURT and MARRE.

16. (a) Regimental Surgeon will arrange for forward Battalion Aid Posts and will notify these Headquarters of locations.

(b) Regimental Aid Post will be near RETHEL. Map location 201-719.

17. Upon arriving on their objective, Commanding Officers will notify these Headquarters by the Code Word "LOWDEN," and will immediately forward the locations of their P. C.'s.

18. Watches will be synchronized at Regimental P. C. RETHEL at 18 hour on day previous to "D."

19. Regimental P. C. will be at RETHEL until further orders.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

(Note: Battalion Commanders will see that all units under their Command are made familiar with and thoroughly understand these orders.)

ANNEX NO. 1 SHOWING PLAN OF ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

24th Sept., 1918.

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TABLE II (Corrected)
(To accompany Map "A").

Regiment	Bns.	Mission	From	To	Rate of fire	Amm. expended.
212 F. A.	2	Standing Barrage	"H"	H—25	4 rounds per min. for 1st 3 min.	
(FRENCH)					2 rounds per min. for next 19 min.	
					4 rounds per min. for next 3 min.	
		Creeping Barrage	H—25	H—33	100 rounds per hour.	
		Standing Barrage	H—33	H—57	100 rounds per hour.	
		Creeping Barrage	H—57	H—5	100 rounds per hour.	
				hours 15 min.		

REMARKS:

CREEPING BARRAGE will travel at the rate of 100 meters every 4 minutes from Standing Barrage north of CERVAUX TRENCH (shown by heavy RED line) to RED and BLUE line NORTH OF GERCOURT.

From RED and BLUE line NORTH OF GERCOURT, to Final Objective CREEPING BARRAGE will travel at the rate of 100 meters every 5 minutes.

A Protective Barrage will be laid down on demand in front of final objective on lines in MEUSE RIVER BOTTOM, as shown by shaded RED lines.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

ANNEX 2. SHOWING SCHEME OF MACHINE GUN BARRAGE,
HEADQUARTERS, 124TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION,
A. E. F.

22nd September, 1918.

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ANNEX NO. 2 TO F. O. NO. 35.

Map: VERDUN, B—1/20,000.

1. The designated Companies will support the attack on D. day at H. Hour by the following barrage:

Company	Guns	Barrage	Batteries	Lifts
B, 122nd M. G. Bn.	12	A	3	A1 to A2 at H plus 60 minutes.
D, 124th M. G. Bn.	12	B	3	B1 to B2 at H plus 45 minutes.
“ “				B2 to B3 at H plus 55 minutes.
C, 124th M. G. Bn.	12	C	3	C1 to C2 at H plus 45 minutes.
1 Plat. Co. A, 122nd M. G. Bn.	4	D	1	None.

2. Rates of fire will be:

	Task	Rnds. per minute	No. of minutes	Rounds per gun
BARRAGE A:—	1	100	15	1500
		60	45	2700
	2	100	10	1000
		60	5	500
				—
				5800
BARRAGE B:—	1	100	15	1500
		60	30	1800
	2	100	10	1000
	3	100	5	500
				—
				4800
BARRAGE C:—	1	100	15	1500
		60	30	1800
	2	150	10	1500
				—
				4800
BARRAGE D:—	1	100	15	1500
		60	60	3600
				—
				5100

3. Firing will be in bursts of 15 rounds and the rates of fire will not be exceeded.

4. Locks and barrels will be oiled between each belt.

5. Guns will be carefully sighted and so camouflaged as to give concealment to gunners.

6. At H plus (time indicated) barrages will lift as indicated in table and maps herewith attached and will discontinue at end of time fixed by rates of fire table, unless it is seen that our troops are being held up, in which case firing will continue within safety limits.

If visibility permits, gun commanders will put safety angle on their sights and lift automatically if our troops arrive within limits of safety angle. They will also lift or adjust their fire if following. Very pistol signals are sent up by our troops on gunners sector:

Barrage falling short }
Lift barrage } To be notified later.

7. Ammunition—14,000 rounds per gun.

Division dump at CUMIERES.

8. Company Commanders will cause to be prepared group, battery and gun charts for their respective barrages and will carefully check same. Guns will be laid as for both direct and indirect overhead fire.

9. Watches will be synchronized with Battalion or Regimental Commanders at the time designated by them.

FLOYD F. PUTMAN,
Major, Brigade M. G. O.

PLIABLE,

ANNEX NO. 3, F. O. 35.

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P. C. 33rd Division, A. E. F.
September, 1918.

PLAN OF LIAISON.

The following additions and corrections will be made in the Plan of Liaison (Annex No. 6, to Field Order No. 23, C. S. these Hdqrs.):

1. Aeroplanes attached to the 33rd Division will be recognized by cocked dice on the sides of the fuselage, or body of the plane. Dice are painted red with white spots.

The marking on the under sides of the wings is the French "Cocard," three circles of blue on the outside with white and red in the center.

NOTE: The Anti-Aircraft are particularly concerned with this paragraph.

2. Front line will be called for by the plane with six white rocket stars at the following times:

132nd Infantry: At H plus 2 hours 5 min. when it should be at the Road FORGES and DRILLANCOURT.

131 Infantry: At H plus 3 hours 5 min. when it should reach the GERCOURT-CONSENVOYE Road.

The second call for the front line of the 132nd Infantry will be requested at H plus 3 hours 5 min.

The second call for the front line of the 131st Infantry will be requested at H plus 5 hours 15 min.

3. The Infantry Regiments concerned must show their lines when called for at the prescribed times.

4. Add to the "Signals from Infantry":

Our barrage advancing too fast, the letter "T" made with the rectangular panels as shown, the identification panel on the left:



Identi-
fication
Panel.



Letter "T"
made with rectangular
panels.

NOTE: Add this to Chap. V. "Signals made by the Infantry," plan of Liaison.

5. Chap. V under "Signals made by the Infantry" (pyrotechnics), in explanation of signal "One hour delay orders in execution of next phase:"

Explanation: The yellow smoke rocket followed by a flag rocket indicates that it is necessary for the unit sending this signal to postpone one hour for the execution of the next phase. In other words, it is to notify the next higher command of this necessity. It requires no acknowledgment and is accepted without explanation. At the expiration of the hour, the execution of the phase referred to should be made.

DISTRIBUTION:

Down to include companies (Infantry Cos., M. G. Cos., Batteries).

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL:

WILLIAM K. NAYLOR,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

ADDENDUM TO FIELD ORDER NO. 35.

P. C. PLIABLE,
AM. EX. FORCES.

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FRANCE, September 25, 1918.

1. Battalion Commanders of the 2nd and 3rd Battalions will send out wiring parties with wire cutters to cut sufficient paths thru wire on their immediate front to enable the Battalions to quickly move forward. These paths will be taped to allow them to be easily distinguished by advancing troops. Battalion Commanders will organize wire cutting details among troops to advance with first wave, whose duty it will be to cut all wire not destroyed by other means. These wire details will continue throughout the attack.

2. Battalions in forming on jumping off line will form and advance in combat groups.

3. C. O. of 2nd Battalion will assign one section of Machine Guns to the Liaison combat group operating between 2nd Battalion and the 132nd Infantry Regiment.

4. In order that Paragraph X. Field Order 35 be thoroughly understood the following explanation is made:

"At H hour the 1st Bn. now located in trenches around P. C. RETHEL will move forward and occupy trenches in JAKES STRONG POINT, which are now occupied by the 2nd and 3rd Battalions of this Regiment."

The C. O. of the 1st Battalion will assure himself that the 2nd and 3rd Bns. have moved out before moving forward, or that these Battalions are moving out as fast as the 1st Bn. moves in.

The 1st Bn. will remain in JAKES STRONG POINT until H Hour plus 57. When creeping barrage begins or until the 2nd and 3rd Battalions is distance of 500 yards when the 1st Bn. will move forward, maintaining this distance throughout the attack.

5. At H hour the forward P. C. Pliable will be at 197-738.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C., 131ST INFANTRY,
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ANNEX TO ADDENDUM ORDER ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH FIELD
ORDER NO. 35.

Map—VERDUN 35.

1. RAILHEAD: VADELAINCOURT.
2. SUPPLY:

(a) The base of supply for this Division will be THIERVILLE. The distribution points, as the attack progresses, will be pushed forward as the situation develops, and notice will be sent.

(b) AMMUNITION: Infantry. Divisional dump at CUMIERES, containing 30-30, 45, grenades of all kinds, bombs and fireworks. A wagon company will push ammunition forward from this advanced dump as necessities require—forward distribution point, if necessary, will be announced later.

(c) ENGINEER MATERIAL. Divisional Dump at GERMONVILLE. The Division Engineer is authorized to draw and handle with his own train Engineer material from DOMBASLE and SOUHESME. An advance Corps dump for road material will be located one kilometer west of BETHELAINVILLE.

(d) Water. Water points will be established and marked by the Army Water Service. In addition to the above, the 33rd Division will use jointly with the 80th Division CHATTANCOURT, as a water refilling point—ALEXANDRIA has a supply of potable water.

3. ROADS:

(a) CIRCULATION. The axial road of this Division will be THIERVILLE-CHARNY-MARRE-CUMIERES-FORGES. This road will be a two-way road for all traffic.

(b) TRAFFIC. The control of traffic south and east of MARRE will be by Corps Police. The MARRE inclusive north and west will be under control of the A.P.M. of the 33rd Division, who will have stationary police posts at Cross Roads, Bridges and road forks, and bicyclists, motorcycleists and mounted police patrols on main roads to control traffic, prevent jams and preserve road discipline.

4. FIELD TRAINS:

66th Brigade. During the initial attack the Field Trains, including rolling kitchens, will be held along the creek, under the trees, on the east of the road, with the head of the column at LONGBUT and there await orders from the Commander of Trains.

Supply Train. The Supply Train will refill at THIERVILLE, and will operate forward from that point to distributing points to be announced later, and from the rear of that point to the railhead at VADELAINCOURT. The section designated for the forward distribution points will remain at THIERVILLE awaiting orders.

5. EVACUATION:

(a) Men. An advanced dressing station is established at ALEXANDRIA. Triage at GLORIEUX, VERDUN.

Evacuation to GLORIEUX, VERDUN, will be arranged for by the Division Surgeon. If additional ambulances are necessary, request will be made to the Corps Surgeon for more. Evacuation from Divisional Field Hospitals by Army Ambulance Co.'s will be made as follows:

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Seriously wounded: To Mobile Surgical Hospital at CLAIRE-CHENE-BOISE de PLACYS-LA MORIETTE.

Severely wounded: To E. H. No. 4 at FOUNTAIN ROUTEN and E. H. No. 8 at PETIT MAUJOURY.

Sick and slightly wounded (truck cases): To E. H. Nos. 6 and 7 at Souilly.

Gassed: To GAS Hospital SOUHESSNE la Grande.

Contagious: To Hospital at BENOITE VAUX.

Nerves and Shocks: To Psych. Hospital No. 2 at FULVECOURT.

As the advance progresses the Division Surgeon will arrange for the advance of the Division Field Hospitals.

6. MILITARY POLICE ARRANGEMENTS: A detachment of Military Police will be furnished to the Commanding General of the 66th Brigade, who will establish straggler lines to arrest, collect and return to organizations all stragglers and direct wounded to aid stations.

7. CEMETERIES: A plot for Americans has been located at GLORIEUX, in the forward lines. The Divisional Burial Officer will locate a burial plot in the vicinity of FORGES to which the dead may be sent, and will indicate the locations by signs at cross roads through the Military Police.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS PLIABLE, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, September 25, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH FIELD ORDERS
NO. 35.

BATTLE DRESS:

Troops will be equipped as follows:

2 days' reserve rations per man.

220 rounds small arms ammunition per man.

2 canteens of water per man.

2 sand bags per man.

2 hand grenades per man.

Picks and shovels in proportion of two shovels to one pick.

Mess Kit and Slicker in haversack.

Heavy packs and Officers' baggage will be left under guard.

TRANSPORT:

Same arrangements as at present. New locations of Bn. and Regimental Dumps to be advised later.

STRAGGLER POSTS:

Located at CHATTENCOURT and MARRE will be under direction of Brigade Commander.

CARRYING PARTIES:

To be furnished from reserve Battalion and will report as soon as advice is received as to "D" day. They will be rationed by organization to whom they report.

Details as follows:

16 men to Co. B, 124th M. G. Bn. 3rd Bn.

16 men to Co. C, 124th M. G. Bn. 1st Bn.

24 men to 131st M. G. Co. 2nd Bn.

24 men to Trench Mortars 1st Bn.

MEDICAL:

Bn. Commanders will arrange for such stretcher bearers as are needed.

BURIAL:

Chaplains will report to Regimental P. C. to take charge of Burial Arrangements, Bn. Commanders arranging to send bodies back to Regimental P. C. after digging in. Personal effects to Regimental Headquarters.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH
FIELD ORDERS NO. 35 SHOWING CHANGES TO DATE.

October 2nd, 1918.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Field Hospitals at BETHINCOURT and GLORIEUX.

Ambulance Stations at ALEXANDRIA and CUMIERES.

Horses. Evacuation through the 33rd Division Mobile Veterinary Unit at LONGBUT.

PRISONERS OF WAR:

Prisoners of war will be sent to CUISY, and from there they will be evacuated through the Division enclosure at LONGBUT.

SALVAGE:

Each Battalion Commander will collect all Salvage in their Area and place in some convenient place, preferably near a road, from which points they will be picked up by the Division Salvage Officer at some future time when the roads are in better condition.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH
FIELD ORDERS NO. 35.

RATIONS AND FORAGE:

Brigade. Location 208-759. Clothing, rations and forage will be supplied through the Regimental Supply Officer from this Dump.

Regimental Dump. Location 188-762.

AMMUNITION:

Division Dumps. CUMIERES.

Regimental Dump. 188-762.

PRISONERS OF WAR:

Prisoners of war will be evacuated to PLATTE P. C. at FLAGNEY through Regimental Headquarters near DRILLANCOURT and from there to PATTERSON at LONGBUT.

ROADS:

No horse transport will be allowed on the FORGES-CUMIERES Road. All transports will use the new road MIN-RAFFECOURT-MORTHOMME-CUMIERES. This road to be used after dark only.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C. PLIABLE,
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FRANCE, October 3, 1918.

FIELD ORDER No. 36.

Map Sheet, VERDUN "B," 1/20,000.

1. Confirming verbal order of this date, relief will be accomplished between Battalions of this Regiment and between a Battalion of this Regiment and the 132nd Infantry Regiment as given below:

2. Third Battalion(131)will extend its line from the present north boundary of the Regiment southward, taking over from the 1st Battalion strong points now occupied by that Battalion as far south as .0993, along the west bank of the MEUSE River.

3. First Battalion will relieve the units of the 132nd Inf., taking over strong points now occupied by this Regiment on a line extending from .0993 along the west bank of the MEUSE River to FORGES.

4. Second Battalion will move from its present location to a position along the crests as outlined to the C. O. of this Battalion by the C. O. of the Regiment.

5. Reliefs will be accomplished on the night of October 3rd and 4th.

6. The Battalion relieving the Battalions of the 132nd Inf. will take over such maps, plans and trench stores as are part of the defense position.

7. Subject to the terms of this and verbal orders received from the C. O. of this date, all reliefs will be arranged mutually between commanders concerned.

8. Guides will be arranged for between the Commanders of Battalions concerned.

9. On completion of the reliefs all units will immediately notify these headquarters by the code word Sheridan and will forward a location sketch showing their positions.

10. The Special Units attached with the Battalions will move with the Battalions to which they are attached and occupy such additional positions as the Commanding Officers of these units will decide.

11. The Commanding Officer of Trench Mortars will take over the Trench Mortar positions of the 132nd Inf. Regt. in addition to those now occupied.

12. Regimental Medical Officer will arrange to establish AID POSTS in connection with the new disposition of the Battalions and send locations to these headquarters.

13. Companies A and D, 124th M. G. Bn., will assemble on edge of FORGES WOOD. The C. O.'s of these Companies reporting to C. O. 131st Infantry under direction of Div. M. G. Officer to be held awaiting Special Orders.

14. Regimental Signal Officer will consult with the Signal Officer of the 132nd Inf. and take over and arrange for such lines that will be needed by the units of this Regiment.

15. The Supply Officer will move his transports and Regimental Supply Depot to some location on the south of the River FORGES on the night of October 3rd and 4th, reporting new location to these Headquarters.

16. Liaison will be established between right Co. of this Regiment and left Co. of 66th Inf. Reg. (FRENCH).

17. Command of the FORGES Sector will pass to the C. O. of 131st Inf. on completion of relief.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C. PLIABLE.

October 4, 1918.

MEMORANDUM TO BN. COMDRS.

1. The following Memorandum, No. 13, from P. C. PLATTE, is published and will be carried into execution immediately:

Memorandum No. 13.

October 3, 1918.

1. Liaison groups, each consisting of one Infantry platoon and one M. G. section, will be detailed at once for the purposes of establishing mixed combat liaison with neighboring units.

Each group under the command of an officer and stationed as follows:

(a) 1 Group in liaison with the 65th Brigade on the left.

½ Platoon located in the zone of outposts.

½ Platoon located in the position of resistance.

(b) 1 Group in liaison with the squad detailed by the 18th (French) Infantry Division on the right. Located on the COTE DE L'OIE.

2. Arrangements for the exact location of the above groups and for the assignment of the M. G. sections will be made between the C. O.'s of the Regiments concerned and these Headquarters will then be informed.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL WOLF:

H. P. ERSKINE,

Captain, Bde. Adjutant.

2. Bn. Comdr. 3rd Battalion will make details as per Group A, and Bn. Comdr. 1st Battalion will make details as per Group B, getting in communication with the Commanding Officers of the units mentioned.

BY ORDER OF COL. SANBORN,

Operations.

P. C. PLIABLE,
AM. EX. FORCES.

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8th Oct., 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 37.

Map Sheet VERDUN "B"—BETHLAINVILLE, 1/20,000.

1. The enemy occupies trenches east of the River Meuse and as far south as the lines running along SAMOGNEUX, north edge of Boise Des CAURGES.

2. The 33rd Division holds the east bank of the MEUSE, with the 66th Bde. in the Boise De FORGES.

3. The 29th American Division, together with Allied French forces, hold a line east of the MEUSE, with front extending along line SAMOGNEUX-AIGLEMONT.

4. Attack will be launched on "D" at "H" Hour by the FRENCH on our RIGHT on east bank of the River MEUSE.

5. At Zero, plus 7 hours and 30 minutes the FRENCH TROOPS will arrive upon their normal objective.

At "X" hour, the 132nd Inf. from this Brigade will move forward, traveling at the rate of 100 meters in 4 minutes until entering Bois De CHAUME, from then until 1st Exploitation objective the Barrage will travel at the rate of 100 meters every 6 minutes. At 1st Exploitation objective the Barrage will become a Protective Barrage and stand for 30 minutes, when it will continue on at the rate of 100 meters for each 6 minutes to final or 2nd Exploitation objective.

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6. The MISSION of this Regiment in Reserve will be in case of need to support the attack. The passage of this Regiment across the MEUSE will be over bridges constructed by engineers at or near CONSENVOY.

7. BOUNDARIES of THE 33RD DIVISION ATTACK:

WEST Boundary—MEUSE RIVER.

EAST BOUNDARY—Along 24th GRID LINE.

NORMAL Objective (FRENCH)—Along CONSENVOY-ETRAY Road.

1st EXPLOITATION OBJECTIVE—Trench de HOPITAL, North Boundary of Bois De CHAUME.

2nd EXPLOITATION OBJECTIVE—SIVRY-Sur-MEUSE, RIVILLE ROAD TO VILLENEUVE, then EAST to Boundary.

8. (a) 1st Bn. will assemble under cover along the East edge of FORGES WOOD.

(b) 2nd Bn. will report to C. O. 132nd Inf. and come under his Orders.

(c) 3rd Bn. will assemble under cover along NORTH edge of FORGES WOOD.

ALL ABOVE MOVES WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE DAYLIGHT.

(d) 3rd Bn. 129th Inf. will assemble in EAST edge of Bois JURE and be ready to move at 8 a. m., 8/10/18.

9. MACHINE GUNS:

(a) 131st M. G. Co. will report to and be under the orders of the C. O. 2nd Bn., 131st Inf.

(b) Companies B and C, 124th M. G., Bn., 129th M. G. Co., will support the attack from positions along the west bank of the river by delivering harassing fire upon the enemy positions in accordance with Barrage Scheme and Map issued and as per orders of the C. O. of the 124th M. G. Bn.

(c) After completion of Barrage these Companies will immediately report to the following Battalions in FORGES WOOD:

Co. C, 124th M. G. Bn to 1st Bn., 131st Infantry.

129th Inf. M. G. Co. to 3rd Bn., 129th Infantry.

Co. B, 124th M. G. Bn. to 3rd Bn., 131st Infantry.

10. TRENCH MORTAR PLATOON C. O. will detail two Trench Mortars, who will report to and come under the command of the C. O. 2nd Bn., 131st Infantry, who will be located in Northeastern Part of FORGES WOOD at dawn.

1-lb. CANNON PLATOON C. O. will detail one cannon and crew to report to and come under the command of C. O. 2nd Bn., 131st Infantry, who will be located as above.

11. Each Battalion Commander will send an officer to P. C. PLIABLE after 5 a. m., reporting to the Adjutant to synchronize watches. Battalion C. O.'s will see that all of the watches within their Battalion are synchronized with the same.

12. AMMUNITION DUMP will be on DRILLANCOURT-FORGES road in N.W. entrance of FORGES WOOD, map reference 196.782.

13. (a) REGIMENTAL SURGEON will arrange for any necessary Aid Posts and will report their location to these headquarters.

(b) REGIMENTAL AID POST will remain in its present location.

14. SIGNAL OFFICE will arrange for VISUAL SIGNAL STATIONS to cover communication between advance and PLIABLE P. C. and such other means of communication as needed.

15. Order for refilling AMMUNITION CARTS will be issued later.

16. REGIMENTAL P. C. (PLIABLE) will remain at 195.781.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS PLIABLE P. C.,
A. E. F.

FRANCE, October 8th, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH FIELD ORDER
NO. 37.

BATTLE DRESS:

Troops will be equipped as follows:

2 days' reserve rations per man.

220 rounds small arms ammunition per man.

2 canteens of water per man.

2 sand bags per man.

2 hand grenades per man.

Picks and shovels in proportion of 2 shovels to 1 pick.

Mess kit and slicker in packs.

Heavy packs and Officers' Baggage will be left under guard.

TRANSPORT:

Same arrangements as at present. New location of dump to be advised later.

STRAGGLER POSTS:

Will be announced later.

CARRYING PARTIES:

1 N. C. O. and 30 men will be detailed to each M. G. Co. by the Battalion to whom they are attached.

STRETCHER BEARERS:

Each Battalion will see that the prescribed number of stretcher bearers are detailed.

PIONEERS:

Will report at Signal Center under command of senior Noncommissioned Officer by 8 p. m.

GAS:

Regimental and Battalion Gas Officers will supervise Gas precautions.

LIAISON:

Lieutenant Francis W. Whitney and two runners from Co. C will report to Operations Officers at Plaiable P. C. 8:30 a. m. for instructions.

TRENCH MORTARS:

Lieutenant Borchardt will be in command of the Trench Mortar Platoon.

BURIAL:

Orders will be issued to Chaplains later.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

See Brigade order for operations of Oct. 10. Issued verbally by C. O. 131st Inf. to Bn. Commanders.

P. C. PLIABLE,
AM. EX. FORCES.

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SECRET.
Oct. 12th, 1918.

F. O. No. 38.

Map Sheet VERDUN B. 1:20,000.

REORGANIZATION:

1. A reorganization of the present line held by this Regiment will be made on the night of 12th-13th Oct.

2. The main line of resistance will run as follows and as per Map "A" (To Battalion Commanders Only) from present left boundary of 3rd battalion 215-815 around edge of Bois de CHAUME to a point approximately 226-820, then in a general direction east along grid line 82 to grid line 24, taking advantage of the most available ground and joining with and including the present position held by the 3rd Bn. of the 130th Inf.

3. (a) This line will be held when completed as follows:

(b) 3rd Bn. (131) in present position on left of sector.

(c) 3rd Bn. (130) Inf. center, extending left towards line of the 3rd Bn. (131) Inf. and right towards line held by 2nd Bn. (129) Inf.

(d) 2nd Bn. 129th Inf. on right to grid line 24, connecting up with left of 115th Inf.

4. 2nd Bn. (129) Inf. with Co. A, 123rd M. G. Co., will report at 6 p. m. with picks and shovels and prepare to dig the above line of resistance, which must be completed by daylight Oct. 13th.

5. Line of resistance will be laid out under the direction of Major Bittle as per Paragraph 2 of this order.

6. Picks and shovels for this work can be secured at Engineer Dump at CONSENVOY.

7. PATROLS: The territory between main line of resistance and 2nd exploitation objective or final objective will be patrolled continually by small parties as ordered by Major Allen.

8. SUPPORT:

(a) The support will occupy trenches south of Bois de CHAUME now held by Battalions of the 132nd Inf.

(b) The support will consist of the following troops:

1st Bn. 131st Inf.

2nd Bn. 131 Inf.

9. RESERVE:

(a) The reserve will occupy the trenches northeast of CONSENVOY.

(b) The reserve will consist of the following troops:

1st Bn., 129th Inf.

3rd Bn., 129th Inf.

2nd Bn., 132nd Inf.

10. The Commanding Officer of the 2nd Bn., 132nd Inf., now in trenches south of Bois De CHAUME, will report to C. O. 132nd Inf.

(b) This Battalion will proceed in small groups to area already selected immediately after dark night of 12/13 Oct. and become part of Brigade Reserve.

11. Machine Gun Companies will accompany their respective Battalions in all moves.

12. (a) Battalions will move to their new positions from front line area as soon as new line has been established and the 2nd Bn. of the 129th Inf. are on the line, as per Paragraph 2 and digging in.

(b) COVERING PARTIES and PATROLS will be arranged for by Major Allen to protect all working parties.

13. Major Allen will be in command of all forward operations and make reports of same to Colonel Commanding. Major Allen's P. C. will be at 233-807.

14. P. C. Pliable will remain at present location 229-788.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C. PLIABLE,
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SECRET.

13th Oct., 1918.

Map Sheet VERDUN "B." 1:20,000.

F. O. No. 39.

REORGANIZATION:

1. (a) At dark tonight, rearrange the main line of resistance as follows:
- (b) 3rd Bn. of 130th Infantry will take over the sector now held by the 3rd Bn., 131st Inf., in addition to what they now hold.
- (c) 2nd Bn. of 129th Infantry will connect with the right of 130th Infantry and extend to grid line 24, connecting with 115th Infantry.
2. 1st Battalion, 131st Inf., and 3rd Bn., 131st Inf., will withdraw to trenches south of CONSENVOY at East end of MEUSE Foot Bridge.
3. 2nd Battalion, 131st Inf., will remain in its present position of support.
4. (a) No troops will be in position north of grid line 82.
- (b) C. O. will see that this order is obeyed promptly and immediately.
5. Major Allen will retain Command of the lines.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C. PLIABLE,
AM. EX. FORCES.

SECRET.

14th Oct., 1918.

Map Sheet VERDUN "B." 1:20,000.

(Time Issued, 3 p. m.)

FIELD ORDERS No. 40.

1. A relief will be accomplished between the 2nd Bn. of the 131st Inf. and a Bn. of the 129th Infantry.
2. 2nd Bn., 131st Inf., will be prepared to move out of their present position in trenches south of Bois De CHAUME as soon as unit from 129th Inf. arrives.
3. Relief will be accomplished on night of Oct. 14-15.
4. C. O. 2nd Bn., 131st Inf., will send guides to C. O. 129th Inf. to guide their Battalion into position.
5. C. O. 2nd Bn., 131st Inf., will send guides to locate trenches and bivouacs intended for occupying in line of trenches extending from Foot Bridge south of CONSENVOY over MEUSE River and East, not occupied by the 131st Inf. (1st and 3rd Bns.).
6. Immediately upon arrival in new position report will be made to these Hdqrs., sending runners, who will report to Adjutant 131st Inf. for duty.
7. Exact location of the Bn. and Bn. P. C. will be furnished these Hdqrs. immediately upon arrival.

BY ORDER OF COL. SANBORN,
Operations.

(5) Changed to read "C. O. 2nd Bn., 131st Inf., will proceed and locate themselves in FORGES FOOD."

(Change was made at 3:30 p. m.)

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FIELD ORDERS No. 41.

SECRET.

19th Oct., 1918.

1. This Regiment will move from its present location in trenches Cote 281 to 214-765 on night of 19/20 Oct., 1918, to Bois de NIXEVILLE and Bois de CLAUDE.

2. Head of column will be in position at BETHINCOURT at 10 p. m.

3. Column will move upon command and will proceed through BETHINCOURT-CHATTANCOURT-LACLAIRE-GERMONVILLE-FROMERVILLE, and west fork of VERDUN-BLAIRCOURT ROAD and VERDUN-BAR-le-DUC ROAD, to area Bois de NIXEVILLE and Bois de CLAUDE.

4. Head of column will not reach LACLAIRE before 12:45 a. m.

5. Billeting parties have proceeded to above area and further orders in regards to billets will be issued upon arrival.

6. March discipline will be maintained to conform with existing regulations. One officer will be detailed from each Battalion to pick up and check stragglers, making a report to these Headquarters upon arrival.

7. "MOVEMENTS BY NIGHT."

"Movements will be unrestricted from one and one-half hours after sunset to one hour before sunrise. No lights whatever will be allowed. Fires in rolling kitchens must be so handled so as to avoid possible observation. In case of arrival of enemy night reconnaissance aeroplane, troops will be ordered to take cover off the road before hostile machines come within observing distance. Convoys of vehicles will be broken as to avoid giving impressions of continuous convoy. When hostile night reconnaissance or bombing machines approach vehicles will be halted, as far as possible under trees or on the grass. These measures are especially important on white roads on which traffic can be observed at night.

One Officer in each company or smaller detachment, one officer in each Battalion, one officer in each Regiment, will be specially charged with the responsibility for the execution of these orders, including March Discipline."

The above paragraphs Nos. 2 and 5 of Patterson Confidential Memorandum No. 2 are quoted for your attention and observance.

8. SUPPLY OFFICER will move on Verbal Orders from these Headquarters.

9. MEDICAL OFFICER will move on Verbal Orders from these Headquarters.

10. Co. B, 124th M. G. Bn., will receive separate orders from PLATTE.

11. Regiment will move in order—1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns.

12. P. C. of Pliable will be announced upon arrival.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C. PLIABLE,
AM. EX. FORCES.

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20th October, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 42.

1. Upon completion of all reliefs and moves directed in F. O. No. 30 and March table to accompany addendum No. 1, 33rd Div., this Division will come under the command of XVII French Army Corps.

2. Movement will occur as per table below:

Date	Unit	From	To	Route
Night of	Reg. Hq.	Bois de	Area of following	LANDRECOURT-
20/21 Oct.	1st 2nd &	NIXEVILLE	Camps	DUGNY
	3rd Bns. 131		MONTHAIRONS	ANCEMONT-Les
	131 M. G. Co.		Ferme PONTAUS-Les	MONTHAIRONS
	Co. B. 124	Bois De	TAMARIS-	
	M. G. Bn.	CLAUDE	LeCHANOIS	
	Hq. Co. 131			Note
	Sup. Co.			BAR-le-DUC-VERDUN
	Med. Det.			Road not to be used

3. Movements will be carried out during the night. If weather remains misty and dark, movements may continue after daylight, but must be completed by 9 a. m.

4. Battalion Commanders will make their own arrangements, complying with the paragraphs of this order.

5. With the exception mentioned in Paragraph 3 this order, existing orders with reference to concealment and distance between columns will be carefully observed, especially 33rd Div. Confidential Memorandum No. 2 in order to allow traffic to pass and avoid blockades. Special attention will be given to MARCH DISCIPLINE.

6. Billeting arrangements will be agreed upon between the unit commanders and all efforts will be made to reconnoiter the new territory and to have billets assigned immediately following daylight Oct. 21, 1918.

7. Special Units will move as per verbal orders from these Headquarters.

8. Regimental P. C. will be announced later.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C. PLIABLE,
CAMP MONTHAIRONS.

CONFIDENTIAL. SECRET.
October 23, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 43.

1. This Division has been transferred to the Second Army American Corps and assigned to the 2nd Colonial Army Corps (French).

2. The 131st Infantry will exchange billets with the 315th Infantry and become Reserve for the Right Sub-Sector of the Troyon Sector, which will be held by the 66th Infantry Brigade.

3. BILLETS:

- 1st Battalion will march to and occupy WOIMBEY.
- 2nd Battalion will march to and occupy CAMP GIBRALTER.
- 3rd Battalion will march to and occupy THILLOMBOIS.
- R. Hq., Hq. Co., Sup. Co., Med. Det. to be announced later.

4. ROUTE:

- (a) RE COURT—Cross roads at point 258-465 (500 meters Southeast of Camp Le CHANOIS).
- (b) COUROUVRE-THILLOMBOIS-WOILBEY.
- (c) Head of column to be at cross roads, 500 meters S. W. of Camp Le CHANOIS, at 2 p. m.

5. BILLETING DETAILS.

(a) One Officer from each Battalion, one Officer from Regt'l Headquarters, one non-commissioned Officer from each Company will form an advance party to billet their respective units and act as guides.

(b) Trucks for advance party will leave Regimental Hq. at 10:30 a. m. and proceed along route as outlined in Par. 4 and pick up details from Battalion.

6. GUIDES:

Billeting Officer will send guides to intercept Battalion on route, after locating to guide them to proper billets.

7. Existing orders with reference to concealment from aircraft and marching in small groups with distance will be rigidly enforced. Troops will march near side of road and as much as possible under cover of trees, taking cover immediately on sighting aeroplane. Rigid march discipline will be maintained.

8. Bn. Commanders will have a guide at a prominent point in their sector to guide messengers to Bn. Hq. and will have runners detailed to report to Regimental Headquarters as soon as messenger arrives with orders.

9. P. C. Pliable will be announced upon arrival.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

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Map Sheet COMMERCEY, 1/80,000.

THILLOMBOIS, 24th Oct., 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 44.

1. The Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion will detail two platoons and one interpreter who speaks French and one section of Machine Guns to act as reinforcements to Garrison of FORT de TROYON.

2. The Commanding Officer of the 131st Machine Gun Co. will detail one section of Machine Guns to report to Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion for duty immediately.

3. A reconnaissance and all necessary arrangements will be made by the Commanding Officer of these units with the Commandant of FORT de TROYON.

4. The Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion will also detail one company to relieve Co. C, 315th Inf., now at LAVIGNEVILLE.

5. Arrangements for this relief will be made by the Officers concerned.

6. All relief and details to be made at once.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

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AM. EX. FORCES.

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Map Sheet COMMERCEY, L/80,000.

THILLOMBOIS, 25th October, 1918.

ADDENDUM TO FIELD ORDERS No. 44.

1. Paragraph Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are hereby revoked.

2. The C. O. of the 1st Battalion will withdraw the platoons detailed to Fort de Troyon.

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Colonel.

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P. C. PLIABLE,
THILLOMBOIS.

SECRET.

F. O. No. 45.

26th October, 1918.

Map Sheet COMMERCY, 1/80,000.

1. In accordance with orders of the II Colonial Army Corps (FRENCH), the 39th Division (FRENCH) will be relieved in its sector by extending the front of the 28th Div. U. S. to the west and of the 33rd Div. U. S. to the east.

2. Boundaries between the 33rd Division and 28th Div. U. S. as follows:

Western edge of Bois des HARAVILLERS and REBOIS-HATTONCHATEL (to 28th Div.)—AILLY-sur-MEUSE (to 33rd Div.)—BRASSEITE (to 28th Div.) MECHRIN (to 28th Div.).

3. On the night of 27/28 October the 2nd Battalion, together with 2 Companies (A and B) of the 122nd M. G. Bn. attached, will relieve elements of the 39th Div. (French) in the zone of outposts and position of resistance.

4. The 2nd Battalion, 131st, and Companies A and B, 122nd M. G. Bn., will march to CHAILLON on the afternoon of Oct. 26th, where they will stage for the night of Oct. 26/27.

5. Route of March will be as follows: THILLOMBOIS-WOIMBEY-LACROIX-LAMONVILLE-CHAILLON.

6. BILLETING PARTIES from 2nd Bn. and 122nd M. G. Bn. Companies will proceed to CHAILLON at once, TRANSPORTATION being furnished by the C. O. 122nd M. G. Bn., who will have truck at Camp GIBRALTER at 1:30 p. m., Oct. 26th.

7. Reconnaissance parties with interpreters will report to C. O. 153rd Inf. (French) at CREUE at 8:30 a. m., Oct. 27, to prepare for relief, which will be made night of 27/28 October. Details to be arranged between C. O.'s concerned.

8. Upon completion of relief C. O. 2nd Bn. will communicate with this P. C. by the code word "WASHINGTON."

9. (a) Bn. Hq. and 3 Companies of the 3rd Bn. (to be designated by the C. O. 3rd Bn.) will march to CHAILLON on the morning of October 28th, and become Battalion in Reserve.

(b) Route to be same as for 2nd Battalion.

10. 1 Company 3rd Bn. and the Regimental Band will march to ST. MIHIEL morning of Oct. 28th.

11. Route: WOIMBEY-BANNONCOURT-COMPCEVRIN-Les PAROCHES-CHAUVONCOURT-ST. MIHIEL.

12. (a) Billeting parties for the Companies of the 3rd Bn. for CHAILLON will proceed on afternoon of Oct. 27th.

(b) Billeting parties for ST. MIHIEL will proceed on afternoon of Oct. 27th, reporting upon arrival to the Town Major regarding Billeting arrangements.

13. Strict compliance with existing orders regarding concealment in marching by day and previous orders issued on March Discipline will be adhered to.

14. Administration orders will be issued later.

15. 1st Battalion will remain in its present location until further orders.

16. P. C. PLIABLE will remain at THILLOMBOIS until further orders.

SANBORN, *Colonel.*

CONFIDENTIAL.

P. C. PLIABLE,
THILLOMBOIS.

SECRET.

FIELD ORDERS No. 46.

4th Nov., 1918.

Map Sheet ST. MIHIEL, 1/50,000.

1. In accordance with instructions received this date from 66th Infantry Brigade Units of this Regiment will relieve units of the 132nd Infantry Regiment in sub-Sector MASSACHUSETTS as per Map "A" attached and march table below:

No.	Date	Unit	From	To	Relieving	Route	Remarks
1.	Nov. 131st	Co. I	ST. MIHEL	CHAILLON	ST.	ST. MIHEL CHAILLON	Will be relieved by Co. B, 132nd. Co. I, 131st, will rejoin its Bn.
2.	Night 4th 5-6 Nov.	3rd Bn. 131st Inf.	CHAILLON	C. R. ST. MAURICE	1st Bn. 132nd Inf.	CHAILLON ST. MAURICE	Not to be at cross road SW. of St. Maurice before 7:30 p. m.
3.	Night 5-6 Nov.	2nd Bn. 131st Inf.	DEUXNOUTS	C. R. HANNONVILLE	3rd 132nd Inf.	DEUXNOUTS ST. MAURICE TRENCHES Rd. LA CROIX LAMORVILLE	Tail of 2nd Bn., 131, to clear cross roads SW. St. MAURICE by 7 p. m.
4.	Night 5-6 Nov.	1st Bn. 131st	WORMEY	DEUXNOUTS			
5.	Night 5-6 Nov.	Reg. Hq. Hq. Co.	THILLOMBOIS	CHAILLON		LA CROIX LAMORVILLE	STAGE.
6.	Night 5-6 Nov.	M. G. Co. 131st	THILLOMBOIS	DEUXNOUTS		LA CROIX LAMORVILLE	STAGE.
7.	Night 6-7 Nov.	Reg. Hq. Hq. Co.	CHAILLON	C. R. VIEVILLE		NO RESTRICTIONS	
8.	Night 6-7 Nov.	1st Bn. 131st	DEUXNOUTS	Near LONGEAU FARM	M. G. Co. 132nd	NO RESTRICTIONS	

Band will remain at St. MiHEL.

2. RELIEFS will commence 4th November, 1918, and will be completed by daylight 7th November, 1918.

3. Upon the completion of each relief, each Battalion and special unit will immediately notify this P. C. by the code word "JOLIET."

4. All details will be arranged between the Commanders concerned.

5. All defense schemes, maps, trench stores, etc., will be taken over by the relieving units from corresponding units of the 132nd Infantry.

6. (a) Existing orders with reference to concealment, marching in small groups, will be complied with. (See CONFIDENTIAL MEMO. No. 2, 33rd Div., 2nd Sept., 1918.)

(b) Strict march discipline will be maintained and stragglers reported.

7. (a) Advance guides and BILLETING PARTIES will leave 24 hours in advance of their unit for each stage and arrange for guides to guide units into billets.

(b) Guides will be arranged for between the units making reliefs.

(c) In leaving billets organization Commanders will see that they are left in a sanitary condition and will forward a report from the town Major to this P. C. to that effect.

8. Commanders of special units will immediately comply with CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM No. 33, P. C. 33rd Div., 2nd November, 1918, and submit a report to that effect to this P. C.

9. Machine Gun Co., 131st, is assigned to 3rd Bn., this Regiment, but will protect the front of the entire Regiment where no other assignment of Machine Guns has been made or where M. G. assigned to other Battalions of the Regiment do not report.

10. MEDICAL CORPS and C. O. SUPPLY Co. will comply with verbal orders from PLIABLE No. 1.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER will be issued later.

12. PRISONERS AND CAPTURED ARTILLERY: Strict compliance with existing orders regarding the handling and reporting of prisoners (Int. Memo. No. 28, 33rd Div.) and Memo. to Bn. Commanders, 28th Oct. P. C. PLIABLE. Reporting and guarding captured cannons, Tr. Circ., 178, 33rd Div., 29th Sept., 1918, will be insisted upon.

13. GAS PRECAUTION:

(a) Attention will be given to Par. 12, Tr. Circ. 177, 33rd Div.: "Except for urgent military reasons a position extensively bombarded by the most persistent gas, namely "MUSTARD," must be temporarily evacuated. For this reason alternative positions must be prepared in advance and complete plans made for the immediate removal to such position."

(b) Immediate report must be made to P. C. Pliable giving location and approximate number of any and all gas shells.

14. Special attention is called to:

Scheme of Defense MASSACHUSETTS-Sub-Sector. (Attached.)

Confidential Memorandum No. 28, 33rd Div., 30th Oct.

Annex No. 1 to Defense Scheme (TROYON-CHAILLON SECTOR).

Attached Map "A." (To Bn. Commanders only.)

Attached instruction for the intelligence service. (Bn. Comdrs. only.)

15. P. C. PLIABLE after completion of all reliefs will be 482-486.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

P. C. PLIABLE,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

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FRANCE, November 6th, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH FIELD ORDER
NO. 46.

TRANSPORT:

At 44.2-48.4 Battalion Transport Officers will receive verbal instructions from Pliable 14.

Battalions will have map location of their Battalion Dumps at Pliable P. C. at 12 noon, November 7th, 1918.

The G. S. Wagons assigned to Battalions will report back to Regimental Dump by 8 a. m., November 7th, 1918.

RATIONS:

Time for drawing rations will be obtained from Base Transport Officer.

AMMUNITION DUMP:

Small Arms Ammunition 48.8-47.4. Battalion Commanders will see that Ammunition report is at Pliable P. C. at 12 noon, November 7th. Each man must have 220 rounds.

TRENCH MORTAR 37 MM.:

Lieutenant Crow will make requisition for ammunition needed for each Battalion to Regimental Supply Officer. Lieutenant Crow will assign one officer from T. M. and 37 MM. to each Bn. Headquarters to command 1 section of T. M. and one section of 37 MM. If an officer is not available an efficient N. C. O. will be designated to command both units.

STRETCHER BEARERS:

Each Battalion Commander will see that the prescribed percentage of stretcher bearers are detailed and stretcher accounted for.

GAS:

Regimental and Battalion Gas Officers will supervise gas precautions. Inspections must be made daily.

SIGNALS:

Signal Officer will remove all German wire and lines not in use in forward area. Communications must be kept open at all times.

S. O. S. SIGNAL:

Six (6) white stars followed by one (1) red star in two (2) rockets.

Company Clerks will report at once with Company records and full equipment to Statistical Officer at this P. C.

All Platoon and Squad leaders must have a roster of the names of the men in their respective units. A 2nd in command for each unit will be designated.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C. PLIABLE,
AM. EX. FORCES.

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7th Nov., 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 47.

Map Sheets VIGNUELLES A & B.

1. A RAID will be made on the town of ST. HILAIRE by two provisional Companies of this Regiment, assisted by Artillery fire.

“H” HOUR WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

2. OBJECT OF RAID: To secure identifications, dead or alive, also destroying and capturing of enemy material.

3. COMPOSITION OF PARTY:

Officer commanding raid: Captain William M. Wilson.

2nd in command: Lieutenant Thomas V. Casey.

1st Prov. Co. furnished by PADLOCK.

Officer in command: 1st Lt. Geo. Dunford.

2nd in command: 2nd Lt. BEAUVIS.

To consist of 2 full Platoons of Infantry not less than 100 men.

2nd Prov. Co. furnished by PARALYSIS.

Officer in command: 1st Lt. Julian L. Douglas.

2nd in command: 2nd Lt. Paul F. Hunnewell.

To consist of 2 full Platoons of Infantry not less than 100 men.

4 stretcher bearers with each company.

2 scouts with each company (who have been out on previous raids).

4. (a) ASSEMBLING POINT: For troops taking part in this raid will be at cross roads 48.5-48.7.

(b) TIME OF ASSEMBLY: 1 a. m., 8th November, 1918.

5. (a) Troops will march in small groups from ASSEMBLY POINT en route to DUNCOURT-ST. HILAIRE Road to cross roads 51.9-54.5.

6. CONDUCT OF RAID:

(a) Two (2) Companies less one (1) Platoon will form up between points 52.0-54.6 and 52.3-55.3 along road.

(b) At “H” Hour troops on forming up line will proceed to within 100 yards of ROLLING BARRAGE and will follow same at the rate of 100 yards each three (3) minutes, going into and through ST. HILAIRE, mopping up the town, then swinging on a pivot towards the SOUTH, driving enemy prisoners into our outpost line.

(c) One Platoon will proceed to “SAW MILL MONGEL” at 50.6-55.2, proceed through WADONVILLE, thence to “SAW MILL MONGEL.”

(d) Platoon at Saw Mill will remain in position during raid for the purpose of cutting off escape of enemy to the Southwest and to take prisoners.

(e) At “H” Hour PLUS 45 minutes troops will return to our line by way of ST. HILAIRE-WADONVILLE Road.

7. (a) Troops will be formed in depth on the forming up line.

(b) SCOUTS will accompany parties equipped with heavy wire cutters and cut out all wire where necessary and will take charge of prisoners as fast as taken, sending them to a designated collection point until the completion of the raid.

(c) Automatic Rifle squads will be detailed to protect the Right and Left flanks to insure the success of the raid.

(d) Scouts and Intelligence men will search all wounded and dead enemy for papers and identification and secure such documents from the town as may be of use to the higher command.

8. ARTILLERY ACTION: (See Map attached.)

9. SIGNALS: Signalers will accompany the Commanding Officers for the purpose of sending prearranged signals.

Signal for assembling and returning at the conclusion of raid will be agreed upon by Officers concerned in the raid.

Signal will be made known to friendly outposts so that same may be repeated for information of Commanding Officer at this P. C.

10. ROSTER of all Officers and men engaged in this raid will be made by Battalion Commanders concerned.

11. EQUIPMENT: Troops will be equipped in light marching order with 100 rounds of ammunition and at least two hand grenades per man and such other supplies as Commanding Officers may prescribe.

12. MEDICAL OFFICER will detail one doctor of forward Battalion to establish a temporary aid post until the completion of raid at WADONVILLE.

13. NO IDENTIFICATION marks, papers, diaries, or maps will be carried by any member of the raiding party.

14. PRISONERS will be handled by a special detail made for that purpose who will immediately forward them to Regimental P. C., communicating the number secured upon arrival at the outpost Company. The detail guarding prisoners will be in charge of an Officer.

SEE ARTILLERY MEMORANDUM ATTACHED.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C. PLIABLE.

7th Nov., 1918.

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F. O. NO. 47.

ARTILLERY MEMORANDUM:

1. Artillery will place DESTRUCTIVE fire on the following points during raid.

MARCHEVILLE

MARCHEVILLE-ST. HILAIRE ROAD.

BUTGNEVILLE

S. W. edge of BOIS de HARVILLE.

2. Smoke will be thrown on the following points:

MARCHEVILLE

BUTGNEVILLE

S. W. edge of BOIS de HARVILLE.

3. Rolling Barrage—15 minutes.

4. Standing Barrage—45 minutes PLUS 10 minutes.

Note: 45 minutes while forming up for raid and during raid, plus 10 minutes during return.

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FIELD ORDERS No. 48.

8th November, 1918.

Map Sheet VIGNUELLES "A" & "B."

1. A raid will be made on the town of ST. HILAIRE by two provisional Companies of this Regiment, assisted by Artillery fire.

"H" HOUR WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

2. *Object of Raid:* To secure identification, dead or alive, also destroying and capturing enemy materials.

3. *Composition of Party:*

Officer Commanding Raid: Captain James C. Stockwell.

Second in Command: Lieut. George M. Dunford.

1st Prov. Co. furnished by PADLOCK.

Officer in Command: Lieut. Richard H. Buvens, Jr.

Second in Command: Lieut. Walton U. Beauvais.

To consist of 100 men.

2nd Prov. Co. furnished by PLYMOUTH.

Officer in Command: Lieut. Thomas V. Casey.

Second in Command: Lieut. Patrick Cronin.

To consist of 100 men.

4 stretcher bearers with each Company.

2 scouts with each Company.

8 men from PEKIN with wire cutters.

4. (a) ASSEMBLING POINT—50.9-49.3.

(b) TIME OF ASSEMBLY—12:30 a. m., 9th November, 1918.

5. Troops will march in small groups on ST. MAURICE-ANVILLERS ROAD to 50.9-49.3 through VILLAGE OF ANVILLERS, thence across country in a NORTHERLY direction to 51.2-51.3, thence on DONCOURT-ANVILLERS Road to 52.2-52.7, thence across country in NORTHERLY direction to 52.1-54.6, from which point the Companies will take up forming up positions.

6. CONDUCT OF RAID: Companies will be in position to attack from the EAST and SOUTHEAST side of ST. HILAIRE at "H" HOUR minus 10 minutes.

7. (a) Troops will advance to the attack in depth.

(b) 8 men from PEKIN will accompany parties and cut wire where necessary.

(c) Scouts and Intelligence men will take charge of all prisoners taken, sending them to the assembling point at 50.9-49.3, until the completion of the raid.

(d) Scouts and intelligence men will search all wounded and dead enemy for papers and identification and secure such documents from the town as may be of use to the higher command.

8. ARTILLERY ACTION: (As per schedule.)

9. SIGNALS: Signal for assembling and returning at the conclusion of the raid will be agreed upon by Officers concerned in the raid.

10. Roster of all Officers and men engaged in this raid will be made by Company Commanders concerned.

11. EQUIPMENT: Troops will be equipped in light marching order with 100 rounds of ammunition and at least two hand grenades per man and such other supplies as Commanding Officer may prescribe.

12. PADLOCK MEDICAL OFFICER will establish a temporary aid post at Assembling Point at 50.9-49.3.

13. NO IDENTIFICATION marks, papers, diaries, or maps will be carried by any member of the raiding party.

14. PRISONERS: Will be handled by a special detail made for that purpose and will immediately forward them to PADLOCK P. C. The detail guarding prisoners will be in charge of an Officer.

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FRANCE, November 9, 1918.

PATROL ORDERS.

Patrol No. 1.

The Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion will organize a patrol consisting of 2 Officers and 40 other ranks.

Mission.

To be on the aggressive at all times, gain contact with the enemy and take prisoners.

Route.

Patrol will leave the outpost of the Bn. and go through the town of ST. HILAIRE, and mop up and take prisoners any enemy who may have returned, then proceeding toward the town of BUTGNEVILLE, gaining contact with the enemy and complete its mission.

Time.

Patrol will leave after dark, returning when its mission has been completed.

Patrol No. 2.

The Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion will organize a patrol consisting of two companies of Infantry with Officers, under the command of the Commanding Officer 1st Battalion.

Mission.

To be on the aggressive at all times, gain contact with the enemy and take prisoners.

Route.

Patrol will leave through the town of DONCOURT, passing through the southern edge of BOIS-le-Hautes-EPINES, turning toward the east and continuing through this woods, then into la VACHERIE Bois, through this wood easterly to le VIEUX Bois, then towards JONVILLE.

Patrol will leave supporting column in BOIS-le-Hautes-EPINES, sending a scout-party towards la BERTAUCOURT Farm at point 551-545.

Patrol on entering BOIS-le-Hautes-EPINES will leave an outpost at the north-west edge of Bois de WARVILLE at point about 533-547 as a flank protection.

Time.

Patrol will leave afternoon of November 9th, and keep in touch with the enemy.

The Commanding Officers of these patrols will recognize the importance of continuous reports as same are sent immediately through channels for the information of GHQ. You will have your reports made over the telephone immediately upon the arrival and follow by a written report and sketch showing route.

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WARNING ORDER.

1. You will prepare for an advance and be ready to move out when ordered, have troops fully equipped, 220 rnds. amm., trench tools, wire cutters, panels, etc.
2. Establish your dump for such stores and equipment as are not required in an offensive and place guard over same.
3. Battalion Commander 1st Bn. will place guard over his P. C. and move forward to WOEL and there establish his Battalion P. C.
4. Commanding Officer 1st Battalion will increase the strength of outpost to ONE COMPANY.
5. Two additional Companies will be equipped and move to WOEL without delay and await orders.

6. All troops will carry two days emergency rations.
7. AXIS of LIAISON for this Brigade will be AVILLERS, WOEL, JONVILLE.
8. Battalion Commanders will warn Machine Gun Commanders to be ready, but not to move their guns from positions until ordered.

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10th Nov., 1918.

FIELD ORDERS No. 49.

Map Sheet VUGNUELLES A & B.

1. (a) It is reported that the enemy is making preparations for a withdrawal from our front. In view of the general situation it is in doubt whether he is holding this front strongly or with a shell.

(b) This Brigade will assist in the development of the situation by a reconnaissance in force, which will seize a limited portion of the enemy's main line of defense. It will be ready to exploit any weakness shown to exist.

2. (a) The 131st Regiment will raid on "D" day at "H" hour in the direction of LA BEUVILLE.

MISSION: To clean out Bois D'HARVILLE, to take prisoners and kill boches. Neighboring units will be requested to make a demonstration simultaneously with this action.

(b) ZONE OF ACTION:

West Boundary: Point 52.2-53.3 west edge of Bois de WARVILLE and Bois d'HARVILLE.

East Boundary: DONCOURT, along road de REMONVILLE to Bois le HAUTES EPINES to Cote 222, thence to south corner of Bois d'HARVILLE and along southeast edge of Bois d'HARVILLE to 54.6-55.6.

OBJECTIVE: 54.5-55.9 to 54.8-55.6.

3. (a) The 2nd Battalion less one company and 3rd Battalion will assemble immediately and march to DONCOURT. Head of column at DONCOURT, DONCOURT-WOEL Road, where they will both come under the command of Captain Walter H. Magner in charge of forward troops and will be there at 3 a. m.

(b) One company of 2nd Battalion, plus 4 machine guns as per orders previously received will proceed to ST. HILAIRE and occupy that town, placing machine guns in position in a general direction towards the enemy. They will support the action during the attack as it arises.

(c) MACHINE GUN COMPANIES now attached to 2nd and 3rd Bns. will assemble at their respective Battalion Headquarters and await further orders. The Machine Gun Co. of 1st Battalion if not already assembled with two Companies at WOEL will do so at once.

4. The 131st Regiment, minus 1st Battalion, will attack with 3rd Bn. in front and 2nd Bn. in support with Co. A, 124th M. G. Bn. attached to 3rd Bn. and Co. B, 124th M. G. Bn. attached to 2nd Bn.

(a) By "H" hour minus 30 minutes the ATTACKING BN. (3rd Bn.) will be

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in position in Bois de WARVILLE and the SUPPORTING BN. (2nd Bn.) will be in position in Bois les Hautes EPINES.

(b) At "H" hour, minus 5 minutes, the 3rd Battalion will move up to within 300 yards of the rolling barrage, which will start on the Southwestern edge of Bois d'HARVILLE.

(c) At "H" hour the Barrage will move forward at the rate of 100 yards each five minutes.

NOTE: Troops must not approach closer than 300 yards to the rolling Barrage.

(d) Support Battalion (2nd Bn.) will not move forward except on orders of PLIABLE ONE. Its purpose will be to cover the flanks of the 3rd Bn.

(e) The Attacking Battalion (3rd Bn.) will clear up the territory as it proceeds and upon reaching its objective and completing its task, the 3rd Bn. will withdraw to the main position of resistance, leaving one company at DONCOURT.

(f) After the withdrawal of the 3rd Bn. the 2nd Bn. will withdraw, leaving one company in Bois de WARVILLE and Bois les Hautes EPINES, with one platoon of machine guns, one company in WADONVILLE and one company on main position of resistance.

(g) The two companies of the 1st Bn. under Capt. Wilson now clearing up the Bois les Hautes EPINES will join the Supporting Bn. (2nd Bn.) and come under the command of the Commanding Officer of forward troops.

5. REPORTS: Commanding Officers of troops will send a constant stream of messages communicating progress and conditions of attack to this P. C. so that the same may be forwarded to General Headquarters through channels as the reports of the raids being made and the number of prisoners taken with position of same is very important under the present peculiar conditions of affairs on our front.

6. PRISONERS: Must be taken and forwarded to this P. C. constantly.

7. SIGNAL OFFICER will follow troops in this operation and maintain constant communication by means of buzzer phone and all other available means.

8. EQUIPMENT: Troops will be equipped with regulation battle dress, wire cutters (for two attacking companies), one to each 4 men, 2 hand grenades and 100 rounds of ammunition to each man. Two days' field rations will be carried.

9. Administration details—unchanged. P. C.'s—unchanged. Liaison plan unchanged.

10. ARTILLERY: (Plan to follow).

Artillery will deliver rolling barrage from "H" hour minus 5 minutes. A standing box barrage 300 yards beyond objective line from 54.4-56.0 to 55.0-56.0, thence down coordinate 56, to 54.8, from "H" hour to "H" hour plus one hour. Interdiction and harassing fire will fall at following points, from "H" hour to "H" hour plus one hour and 30 minutes, BUTGNEVILLE-MULOTTE, HARVILLE, Bois le DAME, JONVILLE and along southern edge of Bois HOULOTTE. Smoke at points (as per sketch).

Artillery preparation and standing barrage on les RAFAILLES, CUTRE l'EAU, BERTAUCOURT Farm, from "H" hour minus five minutes to "H" hour plus one hour. Counter battery work under direction of Artillery Commander.

11. Note all troops will be under cover of woods and out of observation before daylight or visibility.

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SECRET COPY, No. 9.
11th Nov., 1918.

FIELD ORDERS, No. 50.

1. Following the beginning of the armistice between Germany and the Allies at 11:00 a. m., this date, Battalions of this Regiment now holding the front line at Bois de WARVILLE, Bois de les Haute EPINES and Bois d'HARVILLE, Liaison Group with 110th Inf., Company F. 131st Inf., now holding the town of ST. HILAIRE, Co. E. stationed at WADONVILLE will withdraw and assemble reporting to their Battalion Commanders in the following towns where they will billet.

2. 1st and 2nd Battalions with attached machine gun companies to HANNONVILLE.

3rd Battalion with attached Machine Gun Company 131st Inf. in THILLOT.

3. Moves will be made and accomplished before dark on Nov. 11th, 1918, and report of completion of moves immediately forwarded to these Headquarters giving location of P. C.'s.

4. 132nd Inf. will place guards in woods vacated by 131st Inf., relieving these units in the forward area.

5. DISCIPLINARY DETACHMENT: The C. O. of disciplinary detachment will report with his command to the C. O. 3rd Bn. for duty. This detachment will be billeted separately after Battalion has been billeted and will be used for cleaning up areas and other needed work.

Charges will immediately be prepared against men placed in this detachment and sent to this P. C.

6. HEADQUARTERS COMPANY will remain in its present location.

7. (a) No communications will be held with the enemy.

(b) Commanding Officers will endeavor to make their troops as comfortable as possible and see that they are properly equipped and clothed at once.

(c) In case orders are received to move forward to occupy surrendered territory, troops in the out-post zone will constitute the advance guard and commanding officers will make arrangements within their own units to be on a complete march footing immediately.

8. All Liaison Officers and men attached to other units will report back immediately.

9. Each Company will detail two reliable non-commissioned officers who absolutely know the exact advance of operations from night of Nov. 6th, to 11:00 a. m., Nov. 11th, 1918, in order to guide the Chaplain and burial detail to men of the 131st Inf. or others that were killed on the field.

10. On completion of this move the Regiment will be disposed as follows:

1st and 2nd Bn.—HANNONVILLE.

3rd Bn.—THILLOT.

131st M. G. Co.—THILLOT.

Hq. Co., less band, in area near 48.2-48.6.

Band—ST. MIHIEL.

Supply Co. (to be announced later). Rations for the time being will be delivered direct to Battalions.

11. Until further orders P. C. PLIABLE will remain at 48.2-48.6.

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12th Nov., 1918.

ADDENDUM TO F. O., No. 50.

1. Plan of assembly will be prepared by Battalion Commanders and Unit Commanders immediately whereby all troops can be assembled promptly for any emergency.
2. No Officer or enlisted man will be allowed to leave the confines of the billets of their respective Battalions except on business.
3. Battalions will be held in readiness for forward movement or a general alarm which may be issued on short notice.
4. The present outpost line held by 132nd Inf., also outpost line and line of resistance as occupied by Battalions of this Regiment will be used in case the peace negotiations now being arranged fall through. You are advised to become thoroughly familiar with the entire system.

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SECRET COPY No. 3.
FRANCE, 5th Dec., 1918.

FIELD ORDER, No. 51.

MAP SHEET—METZ—COMMERCEY—1/80000.

1. As per verbal orders received by the Commanding Officer of this Regiment, the provisional Battalion will proceed to METZ, reporting upon arrival to the Staff of the Military Governor.
2. The Battalion will march from its present location in HANNONVILLE, Thursday, 5th December, 1918, staging night of 5th-6th December, 1918, at MARS-LA TOUR.
3. ROUTE of march will be: WOEL-JONVILLE-LA TOUR—en-WOEVRE-HANNONVILLE—passage thence main road MARS-LA TOUR—METZ.
4. RATIONS will be taken up to and including noon 7th Dec. thereafter rations will be drawn as per arrangement with the FRENCH STAFF.
5. Full field equipment including transports, cooks and Medical Detachment will be taken.
6. Strict attention to march discipline as per orders previously issued will be insisted on. Stragglers will be reported by name and serial number to this P. C. by the Commanding Officer at the earliest moment.

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SECRET COPY, No. 11.
FRANCE, 6th Dec., 1918.

FIELD ORDERS, No. 52.

MAP SHEET—EXTRACT from FRAVELOTTE, CHEMINOT, METZ, Etc.

1. The Regiment will proceed by marching from its present area to LEUDELANGE AREA (S. W. of LUXEMBOURG), staging as per table below and subsequent annexes to be issued later.

Date	Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
Dec. 7	R. H. Q. all units	HANNON- VILLE	MARS LaTOUR	ST. MAURICE- WOEL-JON- VILLE-SUZE- MONT	Head of column to be at ST. MAURICE on THIELOT - ST. MAU- RICE Rd. at 10 a. m. Regt. will stage at MARS LaTOUR night. of 7-8th.
Dec. 8	R. H. Q. Hq. Co. M. G. Co. Sup. Co. 1st Bn.		MOINEVILLE	MARS LaTOUR	
		MARS LaTOUR		JARNY-LABRY	
	2nd Bn.	MARS LaTOUR	VALLEROY	JARNY-LABRY	ALL UNITS WILL CLEAR MARS La-
	3rd Bn.	MARS LaTOUR	HAIRIZE	JARNY-LABRY	TOUR by 9 a. m.

2. Strict march discipline as per existing orders will be observed. Intervals of 50 yards per companies, 200 yards per Battalions will be maintained.

3. Battalion Commanders will detail one officer to pick up stragglers, reporting same by name, number and cause of straggling to this P. C. daily; if no stragglers negative report will be submitted.

4. BILLETING parties will proceed by truck afternoon of Dec. 6th, for staging areas.

5. Administrative orders will be issued separately.

6. Major Matt L. Higbee will be in command.

7. P. C. of Regt. will be:

Dec. 7-8th—MARS LaTOUR.

Dec. 8-9th—MOINEVILLE.

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FRANCE, 9th December, 1918.

MAP SHEET—LONGWY, 1/200000.

ANNEX, No. 1 to FILED ORDERS, No. 52.

131st INF., 6th Dec., 1918.

1. This Regiment will continue to march to MANCIEULLES Area tomorrow morning, 9th December, and the mornings of the 10th and 11 December, as per attached march tables, Annex No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 to Field Orders No. 37, P. C. 33rd Div., 7th December, 1918.

2. The order of march will be:

2nd Battalion.
1st Battalion.
Headquarters Company.
Machine Gun Company.
Supply Company.
3rd Battalion.

3. Route of march:

(a) As per March Tables and map attached.

(b) The 2nd Battalion will move out of VALLEROY at 7:40 a. m. promptly and all units will be in place as per order of march, taking their proper intervals before that hour.

4. Billeting:

(a) Billeting parties will proceed ahead of column and billet their units as follows:

Regimental Headquarters.

MANCIEULIES.

1st Battalion.

Headquarters Company.

Machine Gun Company.

Supply Company.

2nd Battalion.

MAIRY.

3rd Battalion.

ANOUX.

(b) Billeting officers of each unit will arrange with the Mayors of the various towns in which billets are used to get a certificate from the Mayors; showing the number of billets, the number of officers, men and animals occupying the billets, also the number of days the billets were occupied, which will be signed in duplicate by the Commanding Officers of units concerned and one copy left with the Mayors.

5. Attention is called to Memorandum No. 15, P. C. 33rd Division, 6th December, 1918, attached (to Battalion Commanders only) and strict compliance to same will be required. Company commanders will be made acquainted with this memorandum.

C. O.'s of Special Units will read the above Bulletin on file at Regimental Headquarters.

6. (a) Certificates will be submitted to this P. C. after leaving any billeting area, that same has been left in a clean and sanitary manner.

(b) Details as per Memorandum P. C. Patterson, 6th December, 1918, will be left when billets are not thoroughly cleaned before departure, details rejoining their units upon completing their task.

(c) Reports as to stragglers will be made promptly at the conclusion of each march.

7. Memorandum issued today from this P. C. as to foot inspection and general cleaning, etc., will be in force at the end of each march.

8. All officers will check the men of their command during the first hours of marching to correct all packs as to proper dress and to see that they are correctly adjusted.

9. P. C. of the Regiment, 9th December, 1918, at MANCIEULLES.

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FRANCE, 9th December, 1918.

MAP SHEET—LONGWY, 1/200,000.

ANNEX, No. 2 to FIELD ORDERS, No. 52.

131st INF., 6th December, 1918.

1. This Regiment will continue its march to AUDON AREA tomorrow, 10th December, 1918, as per March Table below:

DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
Dec. 10th	3rd Bn.	ANNOUX	MERCY de HAUT	BONVILLERS MURVILLE	Not to reach BONVILLERS before 10:30 a. m. then follow in column behind M. G. Co. and SUP. CO. to MERCY de HAUT.
Dec. 10th	2nd Bn.	MAIRY	BOUDREZY	BONVILLERS MURVILLE MERCY de HAUT	Tail of column to leave MAIRY at 9:25 a. m.
Dec. 10th	1st Bn. Hq. Co.	MANCI- EULLES	SERROU- VILLE	MAIRY-BON- VILLERS-MUR- VILLE MALA- VILLERS ANDUM.	Will move out at 8:25 a. m. and take distance behind 2nd Bn. at MAIRY continuing march to MURVILLE thence leave column for separate route.
Dec. 10th	R. H. Q. Sup. Co. M. G. Co.	MANCI- EULLES	MERCY de HAUT	BONVILLERS MURVILLE MERCY de HAUT	To continue to MERCY de HAUT after 1st Bn. and Hq. Co. have left column at MURVILLE.

2. ORDER OF DRESS:

Slickers, carried on top of pack fastened by pack fasteners.

Slickers, will be worn upon command of Battalion or Separate Unit Comdr., if weather necessitates.

Steel helmets on top of pack. Gas masks will be carried.

Overcoats carried in packs.

3. BILLETING:

(a) Billeting details will proceed in motor trucks from Regimental P. C. at 6:00 p. m. to billet their units in towns as per destination noted in march table.

(b) Billeting details upon completing their billeting will report to Lieut. Herbert B. Crow at the Regimental P. C. at MERCY de HAUT before 4 p. m., 10th Dec., 1918.

(c) Billeting Officers will leave all data concerning towns billeted with their respective commanders who will have duplicate certificates prepared and delivered (signed) as per par. 4 (b), Annex No. 1 to F. O. 62, 131st Inf., 8th December, 1918.

4. Memorandum, No. 15, P. C. 33rd Division, 5th Dec., 1918. (To Bn. Comdrs. only.) Also par. 6, a, b and c, 7 and 8, Annex, No. 1 to F. O. 52, 131st Inf., 8th December, 1918, and special memorandum in regards to foot inspection and cleaning of clothes, etc., following march, will be complied with.

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MAP SHEET—LONGWY, 1/200000.

FRANCE, December 10th, 1918.

ANNEX, No. 3 to FIELD ORDERS, No. 52.

131st Inf., 6th December, 1918.

1. This Regiment will continue its march to LEUDELANGE Area (s. w. of LUXEMBOURG) tomorrow morning as per march table below:

DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
DEC. 11	3rd Bn. M. G. CO. HAUTE SUP. CO. R. H. Q.	MERCY de	ESCH	MALAVILLER AUDUN-Le- ROMAN AU- METZ AUDUN- Le-TICHE, ESCH	3rd Bn. M. G. Co., Sup. Co., will march out of MERCE de HAUTE at 7:30 a. m.
	2nd Bn.	BOUDREZY	ESCH	do	2nd Bn. will leave BOU- DREZY in time to follow 3rd Bn. at proper distance.
	1st Bn. HQ. CO.	SERROU- VILLE	SCHIFF- FLANGE	BEUVILLERS AUMETZ AU- DUN-Le-TICHE. ESCH SCHIFF- FLANGE	1st Bn. will move out of SERROUVILLE in time to clear BEUVILLERS on AUMETZ - AUMETZ RD. and continue march as the head of column when 3rd and 2nd Bns. arrive. The tail of regiment must clear AUMETZ at 11:30 a. m.

2. 1st Bn. detachment at MERCY de HAUTE will move out at 7 a. m. and join 1st Bn. at BEUVILLERS, following route as per 3rd and 2nd Bns. route.

3. ORDER OF DRESS: Same as Annex 2 to FIELD ORDERS No. 52, 131st Inf., 6th Dec., 1918.

4. BILLETING: Billeting details will move by motor truck under Lt. Crow and billet the units as per designations noted in March Table.

5. All instructions and memorandums previously issued in connection with F. O. No. 52 as to March Discipline, details to be left to clean billets, foot inspection following march, etc., will be strictly complied with.

6. P. C. PLIABLE after march will be at ESCH.

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NOTE: Billeting changed—3rd Bn. billeted in ESCH, balance of Regt. billet in SCHIFFFLANGE inc. R. H. Q.

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MAP REFERENCE—LONGWY, 1/200,000.

LUXEMBOURG, 11th Dec., 1918.

ANNEX, No. 4 to FIELD ORDERS, No. 52.

131st Inf., 6th Dec., 1918.

1. This regiment will continue to march to the HESPERANGE AREA tomorrow morning as per March Table (Annex, No. 5, to FIELD ORDERS, No. 37, 33rd Div., 12th Dec., 1918, and Map). (March Table and Map to Bn. Commanders only.)

2. (a) ORDER OF MARCH:

1st Bn.	M. G. Co.
2nd Bn.	Sup. Co.
Hq. Co.	3rd Bn.

(b) 3rd Bn. at ESCH will leave so as to clear ESCH—EHLERINGEN ROAD at 8:30 a. m. and join column at SCHIFFFLANGE behind SUPPLY CO. at proper distance.

(c) 1st Bn. will leave SCHIFFFLANGE at 8:00 a. m.

3. ROUTE OF MARCH:
SCHIFFFLANGE—BERGEM—BETTENBERG—PEPPINGEN—
KRAUTEM—WEILER.
4. BILLETS:
(a) Billeting area will be issued enroute.
(b) Billeting detail under Lt. Crow will leave by motor truck immediately for
the new area.
5. ORDER OF DRESS:
 Helmet on top of pack. Overcoat inside pack.
 Gas mask will be worn.
 Slicker will be carried on top fastened by pack fasteners; will be worn
 upon command of Battalion Commander.
6. Regiment P. C. will be at SIREN following completion of march.

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BILLETING ORDER—131st INFANTRY—Dec. 12, 1918:

Regtl. Hq.	SIREN.
Hq. Co.	
Sup. Co.	
1st Bn.	CONTERN.
2nd Bn.	
3rd Bn.	WEILER ZUM TURM ASPELT.
M. G. Co.	WEILER ZUM TURM.

2:10 a. m., 12-12-18.

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MAP REFERENCE—LONGWY, 1/200,000.
LUXEMBOURG, 14th Dec., 1918.

FIELD ORDERS, No. 53.

1. This regiment will proceed by marching from its present area to the vicinity of SAARBURG as per march table below and subsequent annexes to be issued later.

UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
3rd Bn.	WEILER	LENNINGEN	HASSEL-SIREN- MUTFURT- OETRINGEN	Column to start at 8 a. m., taking proper distance behind M. G. Co. at HASSEL.
M. G. Co.	HASSEL	EHNEN	KANACH	To start when 3rd Bn. has proper distance and following in behind Sup. Co. at SIREN.
Hq. Co.	SIREN	EHNEN		Column to start at 8:50 a. m. when M. G. Co. is in place toward MUTFURT following behind 1st and 2nd Bn. at this point.
Sup. Co.				
R. H. Q.				
1st Bn.	COSTERN	COSTINGEN	MUTFURT- OETRINGEN KANACH	1st and 2nd Bn. will be in place along MUTFURT-OETRINGEN ROAD, tail of column clearing MUTFURT at 9:40 a. m.
2nd Bn.	COSTERN	WORMELDANGE		2nd Bn. will continue through LENNINGEN-EHNEN.

2. ORDER OF MARCH:

1st Bn.	Sup. Co.
2nd Bn.	M. G. Co.
Hq. Co.	3rd Bn.

3. ORDER OF DRESS: As in previous orders.

4. BILLETING:

Billeting party under Lt. Crow will leave immediately in motor truck to billet regiment as per designations noted in march table.

5. OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM and previous instructions as to march discipline, dress inspections, roll calls, etc., will be complied with.

6. P. C. of the REGIMENT will be announced en route.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

(Issued at 6:45 a. m.)

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY.
AM. EX. FORCES.

LUXEMBOURG, 15th Dec., 1918.

MAP REFERENCE—LONGWY, 1/200,000.

ANNEX, No. 1 to F. O., No. 53.

131st Inf., Dec., 1918.

1. This regiment will continue its march to the SAARBURG AREA today as per march table below:

Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
1st Bn.	COSTINGEN	SCHODEN	WORMELDANGE WINCHERINGIN SAARBURG	To take distance behind the 2nd. Bn. at WORMELDANGE at 9 a. m. and follow in order of march.
2nd Bn.	WORMELDANGE	SERRIG		To be ready to march at 9:15 a. m. with head of column near bridge that crosses MOSELLE RIVER.
Hq. Co.	EHNEN	BEURIG		To move out of EHNEN at 8:30 a. m., taking distance behind 1st Bn. in crossing river at WORMELDANGE.
Sup. Co.				
M. G. Co.				
R. H. Q.				
3rd Bn.	LENNINGEN	IRSCH		To move out of LENNINGEN at 8 a. m., taking distance behind M. G. Co. at EHNEN.

2. ORDER OF MARCH (from WORMELDANGE):

2nd Bn.	Sup. Co.
1st Bn.	M. G. Co.
Hq. Co.	3rd Bn.

3. ORDER OF DRESS: Same as in previous orders.

4. BILLETING:

(a) Billeting detail under Lt. Crow will leave at 6 a. m. in motor truck to billet Regiment in new area.

(b) The town of OKFIN north of SAARBURG and NIEDERZERF is available for billeting either part of Battalions not accommodated in towns as per march table.

(c) Billeting is tentative and will be readjusted to give proper stations to troops in their respective areas.

5. Previous instructions and memorandums covering march discipline, etc., also transport Bulletin, No. 13, attached (to transport officers) will be in force.

6. Distributing point AYL.

7. P. C. of the Regiment will be at BEURIG unless otherwise ordered.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

P. C. 131ST INFANTRY.
AMERICAN EX. FORCES.

BEURIG, GERMANY, 16th Dec., 1918.

MAP SHEET—SAARBURG, 1/50,000.

FIELD ORDERS, No. 54.

1. This regiment will march to REMICH AREA, LUXEMBOURG, as per march table below:

Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
1st Bn.	SCHODEN	COSTENGIN	SAARBURG CAHREN-MERZ KIRCHEN BILZINGEN	1st Bn. to leave SCHODEN at 8:30 a. m. Head of column will stop, clearing main street, leading to bridge at BEURIG at 9:30 a. m., taking distance in column behind 2nd. Bn. as per order of march.
2nd Bn.	SERRIG	WORMELDANGE	WORMELDANGE	2nd Bn. will leave SERRIG at 8:30 a. m. Head of column will stop to clear road IRSCH-BEURIG, taking distance behind 3rd Bn. as per order of march.
3rd Bn.	IRSCH	LENNINGEN	WORMELDANGE	3rd Bn. will leave IRSCH so that head of column passes over bridge at BEURIG at 9:30 a. m.
M. G. Co. Hq. Co. Sup. Co. R. H. B.	BEURIG	EHNEN	WORMELDANGE	Companies at BEURIG will form on side of streets with head of companies at main road to clear column passing through town and follow in order of march.

2. ORDER OF MARCH:

3rd Bn. 2nd Bn. 1st Bn. M. G. Co. Hq. Co. Sup. Co.

3. TRANSPORTS:

(a) Such cookers and ration carts as are needed enroute will follow their respective Battalions and separate units.

(b) Other transports of all units will follow in rear of entire column, and will be under command of Lt. Williams.

Transport and Supply officers will take necessary steps to keep transports together at proper distance and to negotiate grades with least strain on animals.

(c) Transports of each unit will await the arrival of head of transport train at BEURIG and will follow each other in order of march as per battalions.

Transport column will break into separate units at WORMELDANGE and continue to its destination under the command of its own officer.

(d) Transport discipline and rules regarding dress and march discipline will be strictly complied with.

(e) Commanding Officer 2nd Bn. will detail 1 officer and 2 squads who will march in rear of regimental transport train, as straggler guard and to render all necessary assistance.

(f) Men with transports and men detailed with transports will take one cooked ration.

4. ORDER OF DRESS: Same as in previous orders.

5. BILLETING:

Billeting parties from the Battalions and special units will leave their present locations and assemble at Regimental P. C. in BEURIG (opposite R. R. station west side) at 5:45 a. m., promptly reporting to Lt. Crow. Battalion Commanders will see that proper time is allowed this detail to reach this P. C. so that there is no delay, as motor truck will leave P. C. for new area promptly at this time.

6. Previous instructions and memorandums covering march discipline, etc., also transport Bulletin, No. 13, attached (to Transport Officers only), will be in force.

7. Distributing point for Rations: EHNEN.

8. P. C. of the Regiment will be at EHNEN unless otherwise ordered.

NOTE: 2nd Bn. Commanding Officer will note sub-paragraph (e) of Paragraph No. 3.
SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY.

AM. EX. FORCES.

EHNEN, LUXEMBOURG, 19th Dec., 1918.

FIELD ORDERS, No. 55.

MAP SHEET—LONGWY, 1/200,000.

1. This regiment will march to CHRISTNACH—JUNGLINSTER—BURLINGSTER AREA tomorrow as per march table below:

UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
3rd Bn.	LEN- NINGEN	FISCHBACK	WORMELDANGE FLAXWEILER OLINGEN RODENBURG JUNGLINSTER	3rd Bn. will leave LEN- NINGEN at 7 a. m. passing through EHNEN, followed by M. G. Co., Hq. Co., Sup. Co., taking distance behind 2nd Bn. at WORMELDANGE. At JUNGLINSTER 3rd Bn. will leave column going through ALTLINSTER-KEDINGEN I. & M. Co.s at head of 3rd Bn. will swing out at KEDINGEN. Special Units will be ready to march at 7:15 taking distance behind 3rd Bn. as per order of march.
M. G. Co.	EHNEN	SCHOOOS		
Hq. Co.	EHNEN	LAROCLETTE	do	
Sup. Co.	EHNEN	FISCHBACH		
2nd Bn.	WORMELFELS-LA-RO- DANGE	CHETTE 2 Coys 2 coys to HEFFINGEN	do	2nd Bn. will be ready to march head of column on road to- wards FLAXWEILER at 7:30 a. m., 10 minutes after 3rd Bn. is in column march will be re- sumed. 2nd Bn. taking dis- tance behind 1st Bn. at cross roads 4 k. m. N. W. of WORM- ELDANGE.

First Bn. will remain in present location.

ENTIRE COLUMN WILL CLEAR WORMELDANGE AT 8:30 A. M.

2. ORDER OF MARCH:

2nd Bn. 3rd Bn. M. G. Co. Hq. Co.

3. TRANSPORTS:

(a) Such cookers and ration carts as are needed enroute will follow their respective Battalions and separate units.

(b) Other transports of all units will follow in rear of entire column, and will be under command of Lt. Williams.

Transport and Supply Officers will take necessary steps to keep transports together at proper distance and to negotiate grades with least strain on animals.

(c) Transports of each unit will await the arrival of head of transport train at WORMELDANGE, and will follow each other in order of march as per battalion.

Transport column will break into separate units at Junglinster and continue to its destination under the command of its own officer.

(d) Transport discipline and rules regarding dress and march discipline will be strictly complied with.

(e) Commanding Officer 2nd Bn. will detail 1 officer and 2 squads who will march in rear of regimental transport train, as straggler guard and to render all necessary assistance.

(f) Men with transport and men detailed with transports will take one cooked ration.

4. ORDER OF DRESS: Same as in previous orders.

5. BILLETING:

(a) Billeting parties from the Battalions will leave immediately in motor truck as per verbal orders reporting to Lt. Crow and proceeding as per designations shown in March Table.

(b) Lt. Crow will see that guides are stationed to meet the Battalions and transports to guide them to their proper stations.

6. Previous instructions and memorandums covering march discipline, etc., also transport bulletin, No. 13, will be in force.

7. P. C. of the Regiment will be at LA ROCHETTE, unless otherwise ordered.

NOTE: 2nd Bn. Commanding Officer will note sub-paragraph (e) of Paragraph No. 3.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C. 131ST INFANTRY.
AM. EX. FORCES.

LUXEMBOURG, 20th Dec., 1918.

ADDENDUM TO FIELD ORDERS, No. 55.

MAP SHEET—LONGWY, 1/200,000.

1. The following changes to F. O., No. 55, are ordered:

UNIT	FROM	TO
1st Bn.	COSTINGEN	1 company to WECKER 3 companies to OETRINGEN
2nd Bn.	WORMELDANGE	2 companies to FELS (LAROCHETTE) 2 companies to HEFFINGEN
3rd Bn.	LENNINGEN	FISCHBACH
Hq. Co.	EHNEN	FELS (LAROCHETTE)
Regtl. P. C.		
Sup. Co.		

MACHINE GUN COMPANY will remain as per order.

2. Ration Dump at FELS (LAROCHETTE).

3. Companies will immediately forward correct dispositions of their troops, P. C.'s, and transports to reach here tomorrow, 21st Dec., 1918.

NOTE: Hereafter when billeting details are sent forward all units will see that GERMAN speaking details are sent into GERMAN speaking territory to facilitate the Billeting of troops.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

GEORGE N. MALSTROM,

Captain, Operations Officer, 131st Infantry.

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY.
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LUXEMBOURG, 21st Dec., 1918.

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDERS NO. 55.

Map Sheet LONGWY, 1/20,000.

1. The following moves, by Motor Trucks, will be made by Companies of the 1st Bn. tomorrow at 9 a. m.:

2. (a) Battalion P. C. and two (2) companies less one (1) platoon of two officers and fifty men from OETRANGE to ARLON.

(b) One company from OETRANGE to STEINFORT.

(c) One platoon of two officers and fifty men to remain at OETRANGE.

(d) Co. A to remain at WECKER.

3. Regimental Supply Officer is directed to arrange for Motor Transportation with Division G-1, or C of S to be at OETRANGE prepared to move the Companies at 9 a. m.

4. C. O. 1st Bn. will report to this P. C. promptly upon completing move giving correct dispositions of Companies and Bn. P. C.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

GEORGE N. MALSTROM,

Captain, 131st Infantry,

Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY.
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LAROCHETTE, LUXEMBOURG, 27th Dec., 1918.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM.

To C. O. 108th F. S. Bn. Detachment, att'd 131st Inf.:

1. You will report to the Commanding Officer, 108th Field Signal Battalion, at DIEKIRCH, with your platoon, December 28th, 1918, as per Memorandum, Hq. 33rd Division, Dec. 26th, 1918.

2. Details of the move and arrangements for billets to be made with the C. O. 108th Field Signal Battalion.

3. (a) You will notify Billeting Officer, Supply Officer, C. O. Hq. Co. and this office of the time of your departure.

(b) Billeting certificate to be left with Billeting Officer, and your billets and area thoroughly cleaned.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

G. N. MALSTROM,

Captain, 131st Infantry,

Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 131ST INFANTRY.
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LAROCLETTE, LUXEMBOURG, 28th Dec., 1918.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM.

To C. O. 3rd Bn., 131st Inf.:

1. You will move two companies of your Battalion to the town of GODBRANGE, taking over the billeting area formerly used by 132nd Infantry. Move to be made morning of 29th Dec., 1918, notifying this office on completion of move and units making move.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

G. N. MALSTROM,
Capt. & Operations Officer, 131st Inf.

NOTE: Order issued 31st Dec., 1918, 9:00 a. m. Move made on Verbal Orders. You will please confirm move already made.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LUXEMBOURG, 30th Dec., 1918.

MEMORANDUM:

To C. O. 1st Bn., 131st Inf., ARLON.

1. You will detail the C. O. Co. B to locate his Headquarters at WECKER, also detail one platoon of Co. B for guarding two bridges along railroad southwest of WASSERBILLIG (not including the bridge over MOSELLE River). This detail to be billeted in WASSERBILLIG.

2. C. O. Co. B will assume command of all guard details of this Regiment at WASSERBILLIG, WECKER and OETRANGE, consisting of Co. A and two platoons of Co. B. He will consult with and get location of Bridges from C. O. Co. A, and will arrange such other details to thoroughly guard the district from south boundary of WASSERBILLIG and will render complete report of location, strength and duties of each post direct to these Headquarters, sending copy to C. O. 1st Bn.

3. C. O. 1st Bn. will arrange for transportation.

4. This office will be notified when move is completed and a complete report will be submitted showing the number of men doing guard duty and where billeted of your entire Battalion, also a tabulated report of the location, strength and duty of all posts, including STEINFORT, except those under command of C. O. Co. B.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

G. N. MALSTROM,
Capt. & Operations Officer, 131st Inf.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LAROCLETTE, LUXEMBOURG, 3rd January, 1919.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM:

To Commanding Officers 2nd and 3rd Bns., 131st Inf.

1. Complying with verbal order of C. G. 66th Bde. moves will be made by companies of this Regiment as per table below on 5th Jan., 1919:

UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
Co. G.	HEFFINGEN	MEDERNACH	No restrictions	All moves will commence at 8:00
Co. H.	HEFFINGEN	NOMMERN	as to route	a. m. and be completed before 12:00 Noon.
Co. I.	GODBRANGE	HEFFINGEN		
Co. K.	GODBRANGE	HEFFINGEN		

2. ORDER OF DRESS:

Helmet on top of pack. Overcoat inside pack.

Gas mask will be worn.

Slicker will be carried on top fastened by pack fasteners. Will be worn upon command of Company Commanders.

3. BILLETING:

(a) Billeting Officers from G and H Companies will proceed to their new areas early on the morning of 4th January and take over billeting arrangements of the units vacating and will make changes as needed to properly and comfortably billet their companies, consulting with Lt. Crow, Regtl. Billeting Officer.

(b) Billeting Officers from I and K Companies will proceed to HEFFINGEN 4th Jan. and take over new area from Companies G and H.

(c) Lt. Crow, Regimental Billeting Officer, will proceed to NOMMERN and MEDERNACH in motorcycle immediately following breakfast 4th Jan. and check areas as to cleanliness and billeting capacity and if found insufficient will proceed to adjoining towns as per instructions from C. G. 66th Bde. He will see that Memorandum No. 53 Hq. 33rd Div. Dec. 22nd, 1918, "Billets," is complied with, and that certificate as to cleanliness of billets occupied by companies are forwarded to this office.

4. (a) All existing orders as to march discipline will be strictly enforced.

(b) Stragglers will promptly be reported to this office.

5. (a) SUPPLY OFFICER will arrange for transportation to move surplus baggage, notifying units as to approximate time of arrival of trucks.

(b) COMPANY COMMANDERS will have baggage ready for loading at a convenient point and a loading detail of 3 men to guard same until arrival of trucks.

6. Prompt report will be made to these Hq. upon completion of moves.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

G. N. MALSTROM,

Capt. & Operations Officer, 131st Inf.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

5th January, 1919.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM.

1. Changing OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM, 3rd January, these Hq. First paragraph, to read "Co. H from HEFFINGEN to MEDERNACH, no restrictions as to route, all moves to be completed by 12 noon."

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

G. N. MALSTROM,

Captain, 131st Infantry,

Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LAROCLETTE, LUXEMBOURG, 12th Jan., 1919.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM:

1. Complying with verbal orders already received, COMPANY "K" will move from HEFFINGEN to NOMMERN 13th January, 1919.

2. BILLETING DETAIL from "K" COMPANY will proceed to NOMMERN immediately to Billet Area.

3. Existing orders as to March discipline, straggler reports; certificate of condition of billets and memorandum No. 53 Hq. 33rd Div. Dec., 1918, will be complied with.

4. SUPPLY OFFICER will arrange for transportation to move surplus baggage, notifying C. O. Co. K when it will be available.

5. Prompt report will be made to these Hq. upon completion of move.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

GEORGE N. MALSTROM,

Capt. & Operations Officer, 131st Inf.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

25th January, 1919.

WARNING ORDER:

To C. O. 1st Battalion, 131st Infantry.

1. You will be prepared to move all troops now at ARLON as soon as relief has been accomplished between your troops and troops from the 5th Division (American).

2. You will move one company to the town of BERBOURG and redistribute your troops around WECKER district, placing Battalion Headquarters at WECKER.

3. This move will probably occur Monday, January 27th, 1919.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDDY:

G. N. MALSTROM,

*Captain, 131st Infantry,
Operations Officer.*

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LAROCLETTE, LUXEMBOURG, 26th Jan., 1919.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM.

To COMMANDING OFFICER 1ST BN.:

1. Complying with verbal orders already received, you will move your troops now stationed at ARLON, BELGIUM, to WECKER, LUXEMBOURG AREA, redistributing them to thoroughly guard lines of communication.

2. You will establish your Battalion Headquarters at WECKER.

3. You will turn over all dumps and stores now controlled by your troops in the area you are vacating to elements of 5th Division (American) taking receipts for same.

4. Move will be completed by TUESDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1919, and prompt report made to this office.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

G. N. MALSTROM,

*Captain and Operations Officer,
131st Infantry.*

CORRECTED COPY.

WARNING ORDER:

22nd February, 1919.

To C. O. 2nd Bn.

1. Company F will be prepared to move to REULAND the afternoon of February 22nd, 1919.

2. You will have an Officer and Non-Commissioned Officers of Co. F billet the town of REULAND early morning of February 22nd, 1919.

3. The Regimental Medical Officer will send one Non-Commissioned Officer with this detail.

4. Report will be made as to the total capacity of this town by the above Billeting Officer, before noon, February 22nd, 1919, to this office.

5. This confirming telephone message of this date, Warning Order published February 21st will be destroyed.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

GEORGE N. MALSTROM,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

22nd February, 1919.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM:

To C. O. 2nd Bn.

1. Company F will move from LAROCLETTE to REULAND in the afternoon of February 22nd, 1919, reporting, on arrival, to this P. C.

2. Billeting certificates to be left with Billeting Officer, Larochette. Billets and area will be thoroughly cleaned.

3. Signal Officer will connect this P. C. with Co. F Hq. at Reuland.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

G. N. MALSTROM,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

February 22nd, 1919.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM.

C. O. 1st Battalion:

1. You are directed to move the entire Company B into WASSERBILLIG, including Company Headquarters.

2. The town of BIWER is not available for Billeting.

3. Upon the relief of Company C by a Company from the 132nd Infantry Regiment, this Company will move to GREVENMACHER. Billeting detail to be made as per verbal instructions from the Commanding General, 66th Infantry Brigade, already received.

4. You will readjust your Billeting of the remainder of your troops to comfortably billet all men, giving a minimum of 40 square feet Billeting space per man.

5. You will notify this office immediately upon completion of any moves giving location, number of Officers and men, etc.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

G. N. MALSTROM,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LAROCHETTE, Lux., 7th April, 1919.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM.

To C. O. 1st Battalion:

1. You are directed to evacuate the following towns in your area by 6 p .m., April 7th, 1919:

GREVENMACHER. WASSERBILLIG.

2. Company C, now at GREVENMACHER, will move to WORMELDINGEN.

3. (a) Company B, now at WASSERBILLIG, will move to WECKER and MANTERNACH.

(b) FLAXWEILER will only be used in case of necessity.

4. The section of the BASE TRANSPORT now at WASSERBILLIG will move to MACHTUM.

5. (a) Billeting parties will immediately proceed to billet the new area.

(b) It is reported WORMELDINGEN has 50 beds for billeting and room for 50 horses (underestimated). FLAXWEILER is reported to have 70 to 100 beds in billets and room for 100 horses.

6. There is a railroad strike on in Germany, which is likely to spread. You are directed to notify guards to keep a special watch on culverts, bridges and all sensitive points until situation changes.

J. B. SANBORN,

Colonel.

G. N. MALSTROM,

*Captain, 131st Infantry,
Operations Officer.*HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LAROCHETTE, Lux., 7th April, 1919.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM.

To Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion:

You will move Co. B out of MERTERT early tomorrow morning, April 8th, sending billeting parties ahead to towns originally given in orders and as per verbal orders of Colonel Commanding.

MERTERT will be considered a staging point for night of April 7/8th in order to arrange details for the retention of your detachments guarding lines of communication.

Moves will be quickly made and reported as completed by telephone by noon, April 8th, so arrangements can be made and orders issued for motor transportation to report to the various companies tomorrow night. These motor trucks to bring the companies to reviewing field on Wednesday morning, April 9th.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

G. N. MALSTROM,

*Captain, 131st Infantry,
Operations Officer.*

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LAROCLETTE, LUXEMBOURG, April 10th, 1919.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM.

To C. O. 1st Bn.:

1. As per verbal orders already received you will move Company "A" from the town of BETZDORF to GREVENMACHER.

2. Moves will be made by Motor Trucks and will be completed by 6 p. m., April 10th, 1919.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

G. N. MALSTROM,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LAROCLETTE, LUX., 26th April, 1919—14 o'clock.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM.

1. Paragraph 3 (d) and (e) F. O. No. 1, 131st Infantry, dated April 25th, 1919, will be changed to conform to changes in time of train departure as per EMBARKATION MEMORANDUM No. 12, Hq. 33rd Div., to read as follows:

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(d) Train Nos. 9 and 15 will be loaded the evening of the previous day.

(e) Train Nos. 11 and 13 will be loaded on the morning of departure.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

G. N. MALSTROM,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LAROCLETTE, Luxembourg, April 25th, 1919.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM.

Location list for Embussing in connection with F. O. No. 1, Hq. 131st Inf., 4/25/19:

Train No.	Units	Location	Officers	Men
9	1st Battalion Headquarters: Companies A, B and C	WECKER	21	636
	Company D	STEINFORT	5	170
	Capt. Emerick and 2 men		1	2
11	2nd Battalion Headquarters: Company E, 2 officers and 30 men, Hq. Co.	LAROCLETTE	13	267
	Company F	REULAND	6	240
	Company G and H	MEDERNACH	15	473
13	3rd Battalion: Companies L and M	FISCHBACH	16	413
	Company I	HEFFINGEN	6	218
	Company K	NOMMERN	7	196

Train No.	Units	Location	Officers	Men
	Machine Gun Company	SCHOOS	3	157
15	Regimental Headquarters		5	
	Medical detachment		5	39
	Supply Company		5	142
	Headquarters Company		4	267
	Y. M. C. and K. C. Secretaries	LAROCLETTE	2	
	Trucks for baggage and cookers:			
	1 per Battalion.			
	1 Company D, STEINFORT.			
	2 Hq. Co., Sup. Co., Med. Detach.	1 Regimental Hq.		
	Trucks for reserve rations and cookers:			
	2 per Battalion.	1 Hq. Co. Sup. Co. and Med. Detach.		
		SANBORN,		
		Colonel.		

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LAROCLETTE, LUXEMBOURG, 25th April, 1919.

FIELD ORDERS No. 1.

Map Sheet: LONGWY, 1/200,000.

1. This Regiment will move to MERSCH to entrain for BREST, FRANCE, Port of Embarkation, for return to the United States.

2. Moves will be made from present billets to MERSCH by trucks, unless otherwise ordered, then by rail to BREST. Duration of rail journey, three days.

3. (a) Entraining will commence Saturday, 26th April, 1919. Trains will leave as per corrected entraining table attached.

(b) Entraining station is MERSCH.

(c) Lieut. Colonel D. E. SWAIN is in charge of entraining at MERSCH.

(d) Trains Nos. 9 and 13 will be loaded the afternoon of the previous day.

(e) Trains Nos. 11 and 15 will be loaded on the morning of departure.

(f) Train Commanders will supervise the entraining and report departures of trains to Lt. GLEASON, and will see that all provisions of Division Embarkation Memorandums previously issued have been complied with.

(g) Train Mess Details will be at the train in ample time to check up property, clean and store mess and ration cars before troops arrive.

(h) Baggage and records will accompany troops. Officers' bed rolls will be placed in car reserved for Officers' Sleeping Car.

(i) Orders for detraining and allotment of billets will be issued to units upon arrival at new areas.

(k) Billeting parties will travel under instructions to be issued later.

4. For administration details, regarding Supply, Evacuation of Sick, etc., see Division Orders already issued.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

G. N. MALSTROM,

Captain, 131st Infantry,
Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

LAROCLETTE, LUXEMBOURG, 25th April, 1919.

ANNEX No. 1 to F. O. No. 1, 131st Infantry.

ENTRAINING SCHEDULE.

Train No.	Leave	Unit	Officers	Men
9	5:35 Hr.	Co. D, 124th M. G. Bn.	6	176
	April 27	1st Bn., 131st Inf., 2 M. O., 3 Med. Men	27	808
		Lt. Emerick, 1 Sgt., 1 Steno.		
11	17:02 Hr.	2nd Bn., 131st Inf.	31	980
	April 27	2 Officers, 30 Men, Hq. Co.	31	980
	April 28	2 M. O., Chaplain, 3 Med. Men		
13	17:02 Hr.	3rd Bn., 131st Inf.	32	984
	April 28	2 M. O., Chaplain, 3 Med. Men		
15	5:35 Hr.	Hq. Co., Supply Co., Med. Det.		
	April 29	Regtl. Headquarters, 131st Inf.	19	448
		K. C. and Y. M. C. A. Secretaries	2	
		Batteries A and B and Sup. Co., 123rd Art.		
		2 Officers, 60 men, Battery C, 123rd Art.		

TRAIN COMMANDERS:

Train No. 9—Maj. Fred E. Haines.
 Train No. 11—Maj. Walter Magner.
 Train No. 13—Maj. Francis M. Allen.
 Train No. 15—Lt. Col. James M. Eddy.

TRAIN ADJUTANTS:

Train No. 9—1st Lieut. Albert G. Jefferson.
 Train No. 11—1st Lieut. Edmond A. Bachand.
 Train No. 13—1st Lieut. Ernest C. Borchardt.
 Train No. 15—1st Lieut. Walter L. Cohrs.

MESS OFFICERS:

Train No. 9—2nd Lieut. Howard J. Frisbey.
 Train No. 11—2nd Lieut. Frank C. Albright.
 Train No. 13—1st Lieut. Frank G. Fitzpatrick.
 Train No. 15—2nd Lieut. Carl J. Staib.

SUPPLY OFFICERS:

Train No. 9—2nd Lieut. John P. Deal.
 Train No. 11—2nd Lieut. Daniel S. Robinson.
 Train No. 13—2nd Lieut. Harold A. Harding.
 Train No. 15—2nd Lieut. George H. May.

BAGGAGE OFFICERS:

Train No. 9—2nd Lieut. Robert H. Lane.
 Train No. 11—2nd Lieut. John M. White.
 Train No. 13—2nd Lieut. Fred H. Sexauer.
 Train No. 15—2nd Lieut. Isaac H. Tart.

SANBORN,

Colonel.

G. N. MALSTROM,

*Captain, 131st Infantry,
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HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

May 13th, 1919.

ANNEX NO. 2 to F. O. No. 1.

Map Reference.

1. Pursuant to instructions from Headquarters CAMP PONTANEZEN, Base Section No. 5, S. O. S. and Embarkation Order No. 217, this Regiment will embark on the U. S. S. KAISERIN AUGUSTA VICTORIA tomorrow morning.

2. (a) This Regiment will start from the Camp Area at 7:30 a. m. in order of march to be furnished and will follow the route indicated by a guide detailed from Billeting Office No. 4 for that purpose.

(b) Troops will arrive at Pier No. 5 at 9 a. m. sharp.

(c) A distance of 100 yards between companies will be maintained.

3. (a) A baggage detail consisting of Co. A will report to Baggage Warehouse Jetty de L'est at 7 p. m. May 13th. This detail will leave camp area at 5:30 p. m.

(b) Commanding Officer Co. A will make necessary arrangements for guides, etc.

4. (a) Officers' Bedding rolls and baggage to be at Pier No. 3 at 7 a. m., May 14th. Baggage will be plainly marked with owner's name and will be placarded "STATEROOM" or "HOLD." Only hand baggage and one trunk will be permitted in staterooms.

(b) Baggage will be ready for loading as per instructions of Regt. Supply Officer. Trucks will be at Regimental Headquarters at 4 a. m., May 14th, and will be loaded promptly with baggage and men unable to march, such men to be designated by SURGEON.

5. (a) Field and Staff Officers will assemble at Pier in order of rank to be checked as per passenger list prepared by Regimental Personnel Adjutant.

(b) Company Commanders will be prepared to form their companies promptly to be checked as per their company passenger list after arrival at docks.

(c) All officers and enlisted men on details will report to Dock Personnel Officer on dock where troops are loaded in order to be checked on passenger list.

6. The following must be complied with before departure from camp:

(a) Personnel Adjutant or Commanding Officer in case of small units, report to Embarkation Personnel Adjutant for final inspection of records and procurement of clearance certificate.

(b) Medical Clearance Certificate for all officers and men must be secured from the Office of Camp SURGEON.

(c) Thorough police of camp area.

(d) Return of all borrowed property. If not time to return LIBRARY BOOKS, ATHLETIC GOODS, ETC., belonging to this camp, they will be left in quarters.

(e) The senior officer of this group of organizations will command the column in its march from this camp to the docks.

7. The Commanding Officer of the 131st Infantry is designated as Commanding Officer of troops aboard this boat.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Camp Pontanezen, Brest, France, 13th May, 1919.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM.

1. As per annex No. 2, F. O. No. 1, these Headquarters, the order of march will be:

3rd Battalion.	Headquarters Co.
Machine Gun Company.	Supply Co.
2nd Battalion.	Medical Detachment.
1st Battalion.	

2. (a) The 3rd Battalion will form within its own area (D plot) with its head resting on the Second street. Machine Gun Company will follow in rear of the 3rd Battalion.

(b) The 2nd Battalion will form in its own area (B plot) and march into D plot, falling in behind 3rd Battalion and Machine Gun Company.

(c) The 1st Battalion will form in its own area (A plot) and will follow in rear of 2nd Battalion, marching through Plot B and D.

(d) Headquarters Company, Supply Company and Medical Detachment will form within its own area with head resting on Second street and follow in rear of 1st Battalion.

3. Guides will be ready at 7:30 a. m. at Regimental Headquarters and head of Regiment will move promptly at 7:30 a. m.

4. (a) Blankets drawn at this camp will be turned in at 4 a. m. Details will be made by unit commanders for this purpose. Each man will carry five blankets. These must be folded three times. Bed sacks will be folded square and twenty sacks per man will be carried by this detail.

(b) Globes, pails, brooms, shovels, etc., procured at this camp will be turned in at the same time. Take receipts for all articles.

5. For your information:

Camp Inspecting Officer will inspect area beginning at 7 a. m. All areas will be thoroughly policed and billets cleared of all troops before this time so Inspecting Officer can turn in to Regimental Adjutant a clearance, allowing the Regiment to proceed.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

G. N. MALSTROM,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
CAMP MILLS, L. I., N. Y.

May 29th, 1919.

WARNING ORDER.

1. This Regiment will proceed to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., Saturday morning.

2. No passes will be issued to officers or enlisted men to absent themselves after 12 noon, Friday, May 30th, 1919.

3. (a) Train commanders will see that all paragraphs of Memo., these Hq., dated May 26th, 1919, and F. S. R., governing entraining of troops and checking of trains are complied with.

(b) Train commanders will immediately appoint a Train Adjutant, Train Quartermaster and Train Mess Officer. Send their names to these Headquarters before 2 p. m. TODAY.

(c) Train Quartermaster and Train Mess Officer will be prepared to attend a conference with entraining officials Friday morning and will keep the Regimental Adjutant constantly informed of their whereabouts.

4. Train Commanders:

1st Train—Maj. Fred E. Haines.

2nd Train—Maj. Walter H. Magner.

3rd Train—Maj. Francis M. Allen.

4th Train—Lt. Col. James M. Eddy.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDDY:

G. N. MALSTROM,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
CAMP MILLS, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

May 30th, 1919.

ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDERS NO. 1.

1. Pursuant to Train Orders No. 80, Office of Camp Transportation Officer, May 30th, 1919, this Regiment will entrain for Camp Grant tomorrow in four sections as per attached entraining table:

2. (a) Troops will form in company streets with head resting on road and will clear billeting areas 45 minutes before departure of their train.

(b) An officer detailed from the camp will act as guide for each section.

3. (a) Baggage cars will be attached to Trains Nos. 3 and 6 only.

(b) All baggage of Regimental Headquarters, 1st and 2nd Battalion Headquarters, and officers of Trains Nos. 3 and 4 will be at Regimental Headquarters before 4:45 a. m. tomorrow and will arrive at loading point (Block No. 2) before 6 a. m.

(c) All baggage of 3rd Battalion Headquarters and officers of Trains Nos. 5 and 6, including band baggage, will be in a separate pile in front of Regimental Headquarters before 7:45 a. m. and will arrive at loading point (Block No. 3) before 9 a. m.

(d) Commanding Officer of Supply Co. will make necessary arrangements and supervise loading.

(e) Details for handling baggage will be made from troops on trains to which baggage cars are attached.

4. (a) Train Quartermasters will arrange to draw necessary rations for their section from Camp Supply Office.

(b) They will have transportation request completed immediately except as to total number of officers and men. The exact figures of officer and men will be checked upon arrival of troops at the train and will be handed to Camp Transportation Officer at that time. Men will be assigned to cars by Train Quartermaster to the full capacity of the cars.

(c) Conductor of Train will give train Q. M. a clearance of inspection before troops entrain.

(d) A report will be required from each Train Commander as to the condition of train upon arrival at destination.

5. (a) Quarters will be thoroughly policed and clearance forwarded by battalion commanders and separate unit commanders to Lieutenant Colonel Eddy before departure of troops from area.

(b) Bed sacks in possession of troops will be emptied in draw north of Stewart avenue and turned in to warehouse No. 9. An officer from each Battalion and separate unit will check in bed sacks.

6. (a) Organization commanders will have a duplicate list of all absentees and men A. W. O. L. with them. The service records of these men will be closed and indorsements made to Casual Office, Camp Mills, and turned over together with copy of list upon arrival at train.

7. (a) The Commanding Officer of the 66th Infantry Brigade Detachment will consult with Captain Harkness for the moving of their baggage and will inform the Commanding Officer of Train No. 4 as to the assembly and marching of the detachment to entraining point.

8. (a) Train Commanders will comply with Memo. these Hq. May 26th, 1919, and F. S. R., governing movement of troops by rail. Troops will not detrain enroute.

9. Train Officers:

Train No. 3—7 a. m.

Train Commander: Major Fred E. Haines.

Train Quartermaster: 2nd Lt. Sidney C. McGuire.

Train Mess Officer: 2nd Lt. Howard J. Frisbey.

Train Adjutant: 1st Lt. Albert C. Jefferson.

Train No. 4—8 a. m.

Train Commander: Major Walter H. Magner.

Train Quartermaster: 2nd Lt. Ralph T. Patterson.

Train Mess Officer: 2nd Lt. George W. Sherwood.

Train Adjutant: 1st Lt. Edmond A. Bachand.

Train No. 5—9 a. m.

Train Commander: Major Francis M. Allen.

Train Quartermaster: 1st Lt. Howard H. Williams.

Train Mess Officer: 1st Lt. Frank G. Fitzpatrick.

Train Adjutant: 1st Lt. Ernest C. Borchardt.

Train No. 6—10 a. m.

Train Commander: Lt. Col. James H. Eddy.

Train Quartermaster: 2nd Lt. George F. May.

Train Mess Officer: 1st Lt. Raymond F. Gleason.

Train Adjutant: 1st Lt. Walter H. Cohrs.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SANBORN:

G. N. MALSTROM,
Captain, 131st Infantry,
Operations Officer.

ENTRAINING TABLE.

May 30th, 1919.

To accompany Annex No. 3 to F. O. No. 1.

HEADQUARTERS, 131ST INFANTRY,
CAMP MILLS, L. I., N. Y.

No.	Time leaving	Troop clearance	Units	Total	
				Officers	Men
3	7 a. m.	6:15	Colonel Joseph B. Sanborn Major W. R. Mangum Capt. G. R. Miller Capt. E. J. Jordon Capt. G. N. Malstrom Orderlies Statistical Office Adjutant's Office Intelligence Office Medical Detachment 1st Bn., less Lt. Butler and Lt. Laggett 1st Bn. Sgt. Major	5 4 5 4 6 1 16	 469
4	8 a. m.	7:15	66th Inf. Brigade Det. 2nd Bn., less Lt. R. C. Hanson 2nd Bn. Sgt. Major Medical Detachment	6 21 1 1	20 452 1 5
5	9 a. m.	8:15	3rd Bn., less 1 orderly 3rd Bn. Sgt. Major Medical Detachment	19 1 1	466 1 10
6	10 a. m.	9:15	Lt. Col. James M. Eddy Maj. John M. Richmond Capt. E. J. Emerick Lt. Butler Lt. Laggett Lt. Robert E. Hanson Headquarters Co., less detached man Supply Co. and Ord. Det. Att. Machine Gun Company Medical Detachment.	 6 6 4 2 4	 215 134 115 11 22
				92	475
				92	1927

SANBORN,

Colonel.

GEORGE N. MALSTROM,

Captain, 131st Infantry,

Operations Officer.

CHAPTER XV

DEFENSIVE SCHEME MORT HOMME SUB-SECTOR ORDER SYSTEM IN CASE OF "STAND TO."

- I. "STAND TO" *Warning*. Phone—Confirmed by Written Order.
See SHEET 1. Par. II.
 - II. "STAND TO" *Confirming* Phone—Confirmed by Written Order.
See SHEET 1. Par. II.
See SHEET 1. Par. III.
- To—BATTALION COMMANDERS
C.O. Hq. Co. T. M. Cannon Platoon.
C.O. Sup. Co.
C.O. M. G. Co.
C.O. Med. Det.
- (a) Order to read "STAND TO" or Point of COUNTER-ATTACK.
 - (b) Route to be taken.
 - (c) When in position report by word.....To.....At.....

MAP REFERENCE VERDUN B

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P. C. 131 INF. AM. EX. FORCES. ORDERS IN CASE OF "STAND TO."

I. The "STAND TO" of the regiment in reserve is executed upon orders of the Colonel commanding.

II. EXECUTION OF THE DISPOSITIONS: The "STAND TO" is executed in two stages:

Primary—STAND TO at ATTENTION.

Men fall in with full field equipment (less blankets), arms, tools, and reserve rations.

Secondary—CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDER TO "STAND TO."

(a) On receipt of this order battalions start immediately for and occupy their assigned positions on plan of defense.

(b) The MOUNTED and OTHER REGIMENTAL ORDERLIES and SIGNALERS will assemble and report to P. C. of the Regiment.

(c) The BAND and PIONEERS SECTION will assemble and remain at their present location under orders of the C. O. Hq. Co.

(d) TRENCH MORTAR, 1-lb. CANNON and M. G. will report to their respective positions as per PLAN OF DEFENSE, following in rear of the Battalion in whose sector their positions are located.

III. TRANSMISSION:

The STAND TO Orders and orders of confirmation are sent by telephone by the Colonel commanding and confirmed by writing to the following:

BATTALION COMMANDERS

C. O. HQ. Co.

C. O. Sup. Co.

C. O. M. G. Co.

C. O. Med. Det.

IV. TRANSPORTS:

The ammunition transport carts, loaded and ready to move, are warned and held in their positions.

The ration transports are sent back with heavy transport to a point to be decided on later. They are under orders of the Regtl. Supply Officer.

NO OTHER MOVE WILL TAKE PLACE UNLESS ORDERED.

V. MINOR DETAILS:

The Battalion commanders and other unit commanders will prepare a plan of procedure for their respective units and will issue a detailed order for different duties their unit may be called upon to perform.

VI. TABLE OF STRENGTH:

All COMMANDERS will have a table of strength of the unit they command up to date at all times.

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Colonel.

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10th September, 1918.

The following is a translation of the PLAN of DEFENSE of the Regiment in Reserve "FRENCH," so modified and changed to comply to AMERICAN standards of organization, and will be followed and adhered to until superseded by orders.

PLANS FOR REGIMENT IN RESERVE.

I. MISSION OF THE DIVISION:

The mission of the Division and the troops that will reinforce it, is to maintain the integrity of the *Centers of Resistance* (C. R.) as outlined in the PLAN of DEFENSE for Sectors MORT-HOMME SUB-SECTOR and Map "A." (See disposition of 33rd Div. on map "FROMEREVILLE" TS No. 10, 7th Sept., 1918, 1/50000 issued with F. O. No. 31, 131st Inf.

Behind this position the army organizes and defends a position called "BARRAGE POSITION."

The actual density of the occupation of this position corresponds to a disposition of surety. In case of attack, or danger of attack, this disposition shall be modified in such a way as to add to the means affecting the defense of the "Position of Resistance" or (C. R.).

II. BILLETING OF THE RESERVE REGIMENT (131 U. S. INF.):

P. C.—(REGT.)—CHOISEL Fme.

1st BATTALION—WOOD DELOLIME.

2nd BATTALION—WOOD BOURRUS (EAST).

3rd BATTALION—WOOD BOURRUS (WEST).

HQ. & M. G. Cos.—WOOD DELOLIME.

III. FUNCTIONS OF THE REGIMENT IN RESERVE:

(A) Normal Position.

Whatever may be the Normal functioning of the *Regiment in Advance*, in maintaining or withdrawing advance posts, or sections, the three battalions of the Reserve Regiment are sent forward on the Position of Resistance as noted on Map "A" and in these plans on the receipt of the order "STAND TO" as follows:

Unit	Billet	Normal "Stand To"	Alternate "Stand To"
3rd Bn.	Wood Bourrus	W. Sonnois Strong Point or Center of Resistance.	Point 272 to Fort du Bourrus.
2nd Bn.	Wood Bourrus	E. Chattancourt Strong Point or Center of Resistance.	Marre. Fort du Bourrus.
1st Bn.	Wood Delolime	In Reserve.	In Reserve.

PLAN OF EXECUTION:—Time of sending forward of the Battalions on receipt of the order to "STAND TO."

March routes: Two cases to be considered:

(a) The situation is such that the reinforcement is only ordered as a precautionary measure; to frustrate the known intention of the enemy. The movement of each Battalion is then executed through the communicating trenches (CORBEAUX-DOUAU-MONT-CANNES) for the Strong Point SONNOIS; (CHATTANCOURT et la CLAIRE) for the Strong Point CHATTANCOURT.

(b) If for any reason, intervention urgently needed, rapid advance of the enemy, etc., the communication trenches not being available the Battalions will reach their respective positions by an approach march in open formation, following the direction of the march routes shown on the sketch herewith (Left Bank).

The order of alert sent by the C. O. of the Regt. shows which of the two methods of progress will have to be adopted.

OCCUPATION OF STRONG POINTS:

Shown on Map "A" attached hereto.

EXECUTION OF THE DEFENSE:

Hold on the spot whatever may happen, without any idea of falling back.

(B) Alternate Position.

The rapidity of an unsuspected attack does not allow for the arrival of the Battalions of the Regiment of Reserve on the assignment points.

In this case the Bns. on advanced posts immediately engage in combat to the last man. There cannot be any question of falling back on the BOURRUS WOODS position.

The Battalion Commanders (West Bank) have each at their disposal their two companies of the 1st line. They make reconnaissance and occupy the points which permits of the best stopping by fire, of the progress of the enemy. Their plan of defense shows this. The other four companies, two per battalion are in reserve of regiment.

COMMAND, West Bank—Commanding Officer of Reserve Regiment P. C.: CHOISEL Fme.

EXECUTION OF THE DEFENSE:

Stop any advance of the enemy emanating out from our line of resistance; by fire and partial counter-attacks.

Hold on the front at any cost.

The reserve companies of the regiment will be used on the left bank for reinforcing, or if need be on any point of the front, but mostly in counter-attacks (probable direction of which will be, MARRE, LaCLAIRE and northwest corner of BOURRUS WOODS).

(C) Counter Attack Position.

(Two cases to be considered.)

1. The line of resistance has NOT been *Reinforced* or could *Not* be Reinforced in due time. (THE ENEMY HAS PENETRATED INTO THAT AREA.)

POSITION OF THE BATTALIONS OF RESERVE: The Division reserve Battalions occupy the positions as stated in the preceding chapter (ALTERNATE POSITION), or are alerted at their points of station.

If they have manned the line, BOURRUS WOODS, MARRE, the men will first reassemble, one Battalion in the region P. C. De La HUTTE, the other in the N. W. Corner of BOURRUS WOODS.

(a) Counter attack on the front of 2nd position east of the road CHATTAN-COURT Le MORT-HOMME.

Counter attacking troops—of the Strong Point MARRE. Starting area: Trenches, near the P. C. De La HUTTE. Route of march—Ravine of the MARRE, slopes east of the saddle south of CHATTANCOURT.

(b) Counter-attack on the front of 2nd position west of the road CHATTAN-COURT Le MORT-HOMME.

Counter attacking troops of the Strong Point BOURRUS WOODS, Starting area: Edges N. W. of BOURRUS WOODS, west of the Communicating trenches of the "CORBEAUX."

Route of march—SLOPES west of 272 and 275.

NOTES:—The two battalions may be called upon to participate together in a counter attack on any point of the 2nd position.

The officers commanding the different units of these Battalions will have to study carefully the marching route assigned, the ground to be covered, and forecast the formations to be taken, in order to best utilize it if the situation does not allow the use of the communicating trenches.

In any case the necessary flank moves will be executed under the cover of BOURRUS WOODS:

2. The line of resistance has NOT BEEN BROKEN.

(Counter attacks in the out-post zone.)

The counter attacks in the area of the out-post zone fall in preference to the troops previously retired from that area. However, each of the Battalions of Reserve may be called upon to operate more specifically in that portion of the forward area which covers the zone of resistance they are to occupy in case of the need for reinforcement. (NORMAL POSITIONS.)

ARTILLERY PREPARATION.

The counter attacks with Artillery Preparation are ruled by the General Commanding the Division.

On receipt of the order the alerted battalion or battalions reach first through the communicating trenches, or in case of need starting points as defined hereunder:

(a) Counter attack on the wood of CUMIERES-FORGES. Starting Point—Trenches DOIRAN, east of communicating trench of CHATTANCOURT.

Direction of attack,—Communicating trenches LaCLAIRE.

(b) Counter attack on Le MORT-HOMME-BETHINCOURT. Starting Point,—Trenches SONNIS—Trenches Roux (East of 3 bis). Concentrated attack, by way of the slopes east and west of MORT-HOMME.

(c) Counter attack on Hill 344. Starting Point, Trenches PERCHE, facing the Ravine de VAUDOINE, trenches CHERBOURG, facing Ravine du CHIEN. Concentrated attack by way of the Ravines VAUDOINE, CAUCHERAUVILLE and col du CHIEN.

NOTE:—The T. M., CANNON PLATOON & M. G. CO. will follow battalions into positions. Sections at all times being formed in rear of the Battalion in which their positions are located.

The M. G. Co. of the Reserve Regiment will cover the most essential M. G. Emplacements in sectors occupied by the Regiment until relieved, if the assigned M. G. Companies are not available, after which they will function as previously outlined in Div. Order, subject to the orders of the Colonel Commanding.

The T. M., CANNON PLATOON & M. G. CO. Commanders will continually reconnoiter new positions and consult with commanding officers concerned, with a view of improving or changing the positions of their sections as circumstances call for.

RECONNAISSANCE—Following each relief, the Battalions coming back to the Regiment of Reserve immediately take the necessary steps to be able to fulfill the duties assigned to them in the PLAN of DEFENSE, of the Division.

The Battalion Commander will have the commanding officers of the different units make the reconnaissance, in each of the different hypothesis. The routes of march will be reconnoitered. The ground will be studied with a view for formations for attack or formations for approach. Liaison Orders for the Battalions will be prepared.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

P. C. PATERSON, A. E. F.,
10th Sept.,
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ADDENDUM NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 18, 33rd DIVISION.

1. The following system of Pyrotechnic Signals for use between the Infantry and Artillery is published for guidance:

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|---|---|
| 1. Enemy is leaving his trenches. (S. O. S. barrage.) | 3. The enemy is in our zone of resistance: Green rocket and cartridge of 6 white stars. |
| Green rocket at night. | |
| One green and one white rocket during the day. | 4. Artillery fire too short: 3 White Stars. |
| 2. The enemy has penetrated into zone of our advance posts: | 5. Gas attack: Green and red rocket, fired simultaneously. |
| Green rocket and white caterpillar. | |
| 2. Nature of Artillery fire: | |
| For No. 1.—Normal barrage. | |
| For No. 2.—Shorten barrage in front of advance post. | |
| For No. 3.—Barrage in front of the principle line of resistance. | |
| 3. In using the T. S. F. or the T. P. S. these calls are sent as follows: | |
| No. 1—Letter "O" | |
| No. 2—Letter "X" | |
| No. 3—Letter "R" | |
| 4. Authority qualified to order signals: | |
| No. 1—An officer. | |
| No. 2 and 3—Bn. or higher commander. | |

BELL,
Major General.

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P. C. PLIABLE
A. E. F.

FRANCE, 18th Sept., 1918.

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ROLE AND USE OF ARTILLERY.

In executing the above directions, the use of the artillery is forecast and prepared on the following three bases as much for the Field Artillery as for Heavy Field Artillery.

- (1) Covering the zone of outposts line.
- (2) Fired during the progression of the enemy in the zone of the outposts.
- (3) Covering the positions of resistance.

The details of execution, speed of fire and time, are determined in the "Plan of use of Artillery."

(1) COVERING THE ZONE OF OUTPOSTS LINE.

Fire of Protection and Barrage. Concentration of fire on determined parts of the front for the protection of outposts against raids, or a partial attack.

A barrage is thrown on the whole front in case of a General attack.

Fire of Protection. When a combat group is menaced, it fires a signal which alerts the supporting position and the supporting artillery opens fire.

If the menace is confirmed, the combat group fires signals (see use of Pyrotechnic Signals as per Addendum No. 3 to Field Order No. 18. 33rd Div.).

The Commander of the support point alerted by the first signal must inquire into and make known to the artillery (by way of the telephone if in working order) all useful information. He stops the firing, if there has been an error or as soon as the result is obtained. He orders fire by signals, if the combat group has been unable to fire its signal and the information he has at hand make him recognize the need of fire such as observation, rifle fire, bursting of grenades.

Barrage. Signals fired by all combat groups, indicate a general attack. To prevent any doubt arising as to the need of immediately opening a General Barrage, the combat groups will fire signals until the firing has begun.

If the commander of the supporting position can, he will at once confirm the demand for fire stating that it is really a general attack.

The fire of protection as well as the barrages are thrown down ahead of the line of outposts and remains there for two minutes and then by leaps of 50 meters backward coming nearer the line of combat groups which they try to cover wherever it is possible.

COUNTER PREPARATION. Barrage laid down on the zones provided for in the plan of Employ and Defense, by the Field Artillery and the Division F. A.

Executed by the Field Artillery, Army and Division Field Artillery (a)—Opened, or ordered through the C. P. of the Field Artillery—Either by the General Commanding the Division—or in case of emergency and breaking of communications, by the commanders of sub-sectors and ultimately by the commanders of Centers of Resistance by means of light signals.

It is always opened if violent and general fire of the enemy on first lines foretells an important enemy attack.

(b) Opened or ordered by C.P. of the Heavy F. A.—Either on the order of the General Commanding the Division—or by the group commander in the case of violent enemy fire on the first lines.

II. FIRE DURING ENEMY PROGRESSION IN THE ZONE OF OUTPOSTS.

Consisting of:

(a) Special Artillery fire in front of the Combat Groups, opened at their demand. A Battery will be assigned for the defense of each of these.

(b) Combing Fires in the intervals, between the Combat Groups, which will naturally neutralize the progress of the enemy.

Controlled by observation.

III. COVERING OF THE POSITION OF RESISTANCE.

Each time the situation and conditions for observation permit, the protection of the Position of Resistance is maintained by powerful concentrations directly before the threatened groups.

A barrage is provided for the whole front in case of a general attack.

Barrage. Demand by the Infantry when the enemy arrives in front of the position of resistance, the barrage is opened, as the case may be on all or part of the line, defined on the map herewith, which is approximately 300 yds. in front of and parallel to trenches SONNOIS, ROUX, FOIX, QUOIRAN and des SEIGLES and covers the principal parallel.

The Field Artillery devotes itself wholly thereto, leaving in each subsector, but a total of one or two batteries for the protection of special groups.

In the sector TALOU-POIVRE the barrage covers especially LE POIVRE from the Ravine of VACHERAUVILLE to the limit east of the sector (East Bank of River).

The TALOU is defended by two batteries of the artillery mentioned above. If there are reinforcements of F. A., the barrage may also cover the TALOU.

Speed of Fire. For each situation, the speed of fire and maximum of power of the barrages in front of the position of resistance is fixed by limits of possible ammunition supply.

Counter Preparation. Particularly provided for on the Ravines which lie in front of position of resistance.

West Bank:

Ravine des GAURETTES.

Ravine de la HAYETTE.

East Bank:

Ravine of VACHERAUVILLE and Affluents.

Ravine of the VAUDOINE.

Ravine d'AVEMONT.

Detailed instructions are covered by the Plan of the use of ARTILLERY.

ADDENDUM to "PLAN of DEFENSE" Sept. 10, 1918. Translation and adaption from the FRENCH Orders for the Regiment in Reserve.

SANBORN,
Colonel.

DESCRIPTION OF BRIDGES ACROSS MEUSE RIVER AND EASTERN CANAL

Name of Group	Nos.	Description	Residence of the Chefs in charge of destruc- tion
(I) MARRE GROUP	151	Heavy pile work bridge for traffic up to 8 Tons (17,500 lbs.)	A
	152	Ditto	
	153	Light Foot Bridge for Infantry	
(II) VACHERAUVILLE AND CHARNY GROUP	150	Heavy bridge 8½ Tons	B
	149	" " " "	
	148	Light bridge for Infantry	
	147	" " " "	
	146	Heavy bridge 8½ Tons	
	145	" " " "	
	144	Light bridge for Infantry	Dug-out on the Left
	143	Heavy bridge 8½ Tons	Bank of the MEUSE
	142	" " " "	up-stream in the ruins
	141	Light bridge for Infantry	of the bridge abutt-
(III) MONTGRIGNON AND BELLEVILLE GROUP	139	Lock and Light bridge for In-	ment.
	138	Light bridge for Infantry	
	137	Foot bridge for Infantry	Dug-out on Left Bank
	136	Steel foot bridge for Infantry	
	135	Heavy bridge 8½ Tons	Dug-out near chalk pit of Montgrignon
	132	Light bridge for Infantry	Shed of School of
	131	" " " "	Bridges
	129	Heavy bridge 8½ Tons	Under the Bridge
	128	Masonry R. R. Bridge	Right Bank

ADDENDUM TO "PLAN of DEFENSE" *Regiment in Reserve.*SANBORN,
Colonel.

CHAPTER XVI

BRITISH ORDERS
May 6th to August 19, 1918.

III CORPS ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS NO. 53.

H. Q. B. A., III Corps,
6th May, 1918.

ARTILLERY SUPPORT FOR A COUNTER ATTACK.

1. In the event of counter attacks being organized at short notice when there is no time for lengthy conference between artillery and Infantry Commanders. The Artillery support will always be organized as laid down in the following paragraphs.

2. The Group of R. F. A. affiliated to each Infantry Brigade Concerned will be directly under the orders of the Infantry Brigadier and will receive no orders from any other Commander until the counter attack is completed.

3. As soon as the points to be counter-attacked are decided, the Corps will arrange to use all available Field Artillery other than that detailed in para. 2 and heavy Artillery for a steady bombardment of these points and of the approaches leading to them, to continue till Zero hour.

The Corps will inform the Division or Divisions concerned of the amount of Artillery support available.

4. In order to organize efficient Artillery support the following information is required by the Corps as early as possible:

- (a) Position of assembly and approximate forming up line.
- (b) Approximate hour of Zero.
- (c) Objective including extent of front of attack and the exact hour of reaching it.

5. On receipt of the information required in para. 4, the Corps in consultation with the Division or Divisions concerned, will arrange the Artillery programme for the counter-attack, the Groups R. F. A. detailed in para. 2 being left to the Infantry Brigadiers.

6. In addition to the above, if a creeping barrage is required, Divisions must notify the Corps as to the nature of the barrage required and the following points:

- (a) Exact forming up line.
- (b) Hour of Zero.
- (c) Rate of move of barrage.

In this case also the guns definitely allotted to the formation detailed to carry out the operation will remain under control of the Officer Commanding that formation, who may superimpose them as he desires.

In the case of a counter-attack it must be borne in mind that, if a creeping barage is required, four hours are required when guns are registered and in position and probably six hours if they are not.

Also that if guns have to move after dark to cover the attack an accurate creeping barrage cannot be expected.

The effect of these instructions is therefore that for an immediate counter-attack the same night it will usually be better to dispense with the creeping barrage and to ensure good Artillery support by an early decision than to waste valuable hours in endeavoring to arrange a creeping barrage, which will probably not be accurate or effective.

7. The whole of the Heavy Artillery will receive orders from the Corps in consultation with the Divisions concerned.

3d M. H. DONDY, Major, G. S.,
For C. O. C. R. A. III Corps.

III CORPS DEFENSE SCHEME.

APPENDIX V.

TRAINING EXERCISE.

COUNTER-ATTACK SCHEME "A."

SITUATION. 1. The enemy have occupied LAVIEVILLE and MILLENCOURT, approximately as shown by the Red line on Map X. We hold the approximate line shown in Blue on the attached Map X.

OBJECTIVE. 2. Our object is to re-capture LAVIEVILLE, and the LAVIEVILLE Trench, with a view to reestablishing the LAVIEVILLE LINE. The objective is shown in Green on Map X.

TROOPS. AVAILABLE. 3. Two Brigades of a fresh Division are available for the operation.

SCHEME OF ATTACK. 4. The scheme of attack is to pinch LAVIEVILLE Village by attacking it from the S. W. and N. W. No troops to enter the Village during the attack, but the mopping up to be done subsequently by troops coming in from the S. E. and N. E. If the attack takes place by daylight, Tanks to assist by advancing North and South of the Village, and engaging the enemy machine guns.

If the attack is delivered after dark, Tanks, accompanied by parties of Infantry, to assist in the mopping up at dawn by advancing through and round the Village.

The attacks from the N. W. and S. W. to be each carried out by one Battalion, with one Battalion in Support and one in Reserve. The attacking troops not to take over the defense of the line from the present garrison, but to pass through them.

LINE OF ADVANCE AND ASSEMBLY AREA. 5. The lines of advance of the attacking Battalions, are shown on the attached Map in Yellow.

The position of the Assembly Area and its distance from the objective will depend on the time of day at which the operation is carried out.

Brigades to protect their flanks with covering fire from troops and machine guns deployed on each flank for the purpose.

APPROACH MARCH. 6. *For the Southern Brigade:* Via. D. 20.e. and d.—D.21.a.—D.15.d.

For the Northern Brigade: Via. V.25.a. and b.—V.26.a. and b.—V.27.a. and b.

The selection of the actual forming-up lines, and the routes for the Approach March require very careful reconnaissance.

ARTILLERY SUPPORT. 7. The action of the Artillery in support of the counter-attack against LAVIEVILLE would be governed principally by the time between the receipt of the necessary information, vide III Corps R. A. Instructions No. 53 (copy attached) and the Zero hour. But it is not probable that a creeping barrage would be suitable for use, owing to the lack of the necessary number of guns to make this really effective.

The action proposed is:

- (a) A hurricane bombardment of the objectives with all natures of artillery from Zero (the time when our troops leave the forming up line) till Z. plus. (The time when the barrage on LAVIEVILLE Trench would begin to inconvenience them.)
- (b) A concentration on the Village itself lasting till the completion of the operation, and thickened on the completion of (a) by those guns which had been firing on the trench system.
- (c) A block of fire for about 200 yards on the LAVIEVILLE Trench about D.11.a.4.9., to continue until a pre-arranged light signal was sent up by our Infantry from either side of it that they were ready to try and join up with our Infantry on the other.
- (d) Neutralization of MILLENCOURT and approaches to LAVIEVILLE with gas and H. E.

A certain amount of smoke shells are available with the guns for a smoke barrage to cover the action of Tanks (vide III Corps R.A./1435 of 15/5/18).

FIELD ARTILLERY. 8. The following Field Artillery would be available in position to cover the advance:

5 batteries 18-pdrs.30 guns
 2 batteries 4.5" Hows.....10 Hows.
 i. e. 30 guns and 10 Hows. for use to support a counter-attack on any sector of the Divisional front.

In addition, the following batteries on wheels would be at the disposal of the Division carrying out the attack:

2 batteries 18-pdrs. (12 guns) from Mobile Reserve.

HEAVY ARTILLERY. 9. The following Heavy Artillery would be available to bombard LAVIEVILLE, before and during the operation:

3 batteries6" Hows.
 1 battery8" Hows.

More would probably be available if required.

6" NEWTON AND STOKES MORTARS. 10. 6-6" Newton Mortars, in position—2 in Quarry D.4.e.2.4., 1 at D.5.b.9.2., 1 at D.9.b.9.1., 1 at D.10.e.2.9., 1 at D.10.e.2.8.—to assist the operation by bombarding LAVIEVILLE Trench. The flanks of the attack to be protected also by Stokes Mortar Barrages, arranged by the attacking Brigades.

MACHINE GUN SUPPORT. 11. A Machine Gun barrage to cover the attack to be arranged as follows:

Batteries A, B, C, D and E in positions as shown on Map.

- (i) Tasks A, B, C, D and E Machine Guns to open at Zero, and fire on the lines as shown on Map X, covering the approach of the Infantry to the objective for several minutes, from Z. to Z. The timing for each Battery will vary, and is dependent on the timing of the Infantry advance.
- (ii) At Z. Machine Guns lift and fire as shown, A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, providing a standing barrage to protect Infantry firing and after consolidation. This will be the "S. O. S." barrage, should the enemy launch a counter-attack.

- (iii) *Number of Guns.* Tasks shown could be fairly effectively done by batteries of 8 guns each. If fewer guns are available, the tasks could be modified accordingly. E Battery might be furnished by Division holding Northern Sector.
- (iv) *Rates of Fire.* Task as in para. (i), 250 rounds per minute.
Task as in para. (ii), 120 rounds per minute for 15 minutes, and 60 rounds per minute for 20 minutes afterwards.
- (v) *Ammunition Required.* Roughly 5,000 rounds per gun for operation as above, plus 10,000 per gun to replenish and to repel counter-attack.
- (vi) At the commencement of, and during the attack, the Northern Division should create a diversion by bringing heavy machine gun fire to bear on the enemy positions East of MILLENCOURT.

TANKS. 12. "C" Company of the 2nd Tank Battalion (in Wood at C.3.b) or a Company of the 13th Tank Battalion (Mk.V) (located at C.26.central) would probably be available to assist in the attack, and to operate as detailed in para. 4 above.

HEADQUARTERS OF DIVISION. 13. Headquarters of Division carrying out the operation to be at C.14.e.8.0.

SECRET COPY NO.

200TH DIVISION OPERATION ORDER NO. 95.

TRAINING EXERCISE.

18th July, 1918.

REFERENCE—Attached plan "X," 1/20,000.

1. The enemy have occupied LAVIEVILLE and MILLENCOURT, and hold a line roughly as shown in Red on attached map "X." Our line runs approximately as shown in Purple on the attached Map "X."

2. The 200th Division will capture and consolidate tonight, at an hour Zero to be notified later the LAVIEVILLE Trench, as shown in Green on the attached Map "X."

3. The attack will be carried out by two Regiments of the 400th Brigade (200th Division), one Regiment attacking from the S. W., and one from the N. W. The boundaries of the attack are shown in Yellow on the attached map.

4. The attack will be carried out by one Battalion of each Regiment, with one Battalion in Support and one Battalion in Reserve.

The village of LAVIEVILLE will not be entered by the attacking Battalions, but the Support Battalions will detail parties to enter the Village and mop up from the S. E. and N. E.

The attacking Battalions will effect junction on the Green line on the road at D.11.a.5.9.

5. There will be no preliminary Artillery bombardment. The attack will be carried out under cover of:

- (a) (i) A Field Artillery Bombardment of the objective from Zero to Zero plus 6 minutes. This bombardment will start on a line at least 500 yards from the forming-up trench. It will then lift to the LAVIEVILLE Trench, from D.11.a.3.3. to D.5.e.3.o., where it will remain from Z minus 6 to Z plus 18 minutes, when, it will lift finally and form a protective S.O.S. barrage beyond the objective.

- (ii) A bombardment with Heavy Artillery of LAVIEVILLE Village from Zero to Zero plus 20.
- (iii) Neutralization of MILLENCOURT and approaches to LAVIEVILLE with gas shell and H. E.
- (b) Machine gun barrage, by guns provided from the M. G. Coys.

In Corps Reserve, as shown on the attached map, the batteries will open at Zero, and will lift as follows:

- A will lift from A to A.2. at Zero plus 5.
- B will lift from B to B.2. at Zero plus 8.
- C will lift from C to C.2. at Zero plus 18.
- D will lift from D to D.2. at Zero plus 6.
- E will lift from E to E.2. at Zero plus 5.

D.2., C.2., A.2., B.2., and E.2 will be the final machine gun protective S.O.S. barrage.

- (c) The garrisons of the trenches will provide covering fire on the flanks of the attack, and this will be supplemented by a proportion of the machine guns of the 400th Brigade and attached Regiments.

6. The attacking troops will not take over the defence of the line from its present garrison, but will pass through them.

7. 6-6" Newton Mortars, and the Stokes Mortars of the troops holding the line, will assist in the operation by bombarding LAVIEVILLE Village from Zero to Zero plus 20.

8. One Company of the 200th U. S. Engineers will be attached to each Regiment to assist in the consolidation.

9. Should LAVIEVILLE NOT have been captured during the night, six Tanks of "C" Coy, 2nd Tank Battalion, will advance from D.9.d. against LAVIEVILLE at dawn on the 19th, and will assist in the mopping up, by working round the Village. The troops of the Support Battalions will be on the look-out for these Tanks, and assist them in clearing the Village.

10. A contact aeroplane, will be in the air as soon after dawn on the 19th as the light permits. Troops will signal their positions to the aeroplane when it sounds its Klaxon Horn, by laying three rifles across the trenches parallel and a yard apart, with the flat side of the butt on the ground.

11. A counter-attack plane will be in the air from early in the morning onwards, and will signal any hostile concentration by flying over the enemy towards our trenches, firing White Very Lights.

12. Watches will be synchronised from Divisional Headquarters at 5 P. M. this evening.

13. Divisional Headquarters will remain at C.14.e.8.0.

A. B. SMITH,
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff.

Issued to Signals at 2 P. M.

- 1. The approach march. To include protection on the march—Advance and flank guards—Route—Order of March—Guides.
- 2. Assembly positions and laying of tapes.
- 3. Plan and Formation for attack.
- 4. Zero hour and Synchronisation of Watches.

5. Position of Headquarters.
6. Action of:
 - A. Tanks.
 - B. Machine Guns.
 - C. Artillery.
 - D. Stokes Mortars.
 - E. Contact Aeroplane.
 - F. Counter-attack Aeroplane.
 - G. Existing garrison of front line.
 - H. Mopping up parties (if required).
7. The disposal of:
 - A. Prisoners.
 - B. Wounded to include positions of Regimental Aid Posts and Dressing Stations.
8. The supply of:
 - A. Rations.
 - B. Water.
 - C. R. E. Material.
 - D. S. A. A.
 - E. Rifle Grenades—Grenades—Stokes Mortar ammunition.
 - F. Flares—S. O. S. Signals—Light Signals.
 - G. Tools.
 - H. Wire.
9. Communications: Pigeons—Wireless—Runners—Telephones—Visual.
10. Position of Straggler Posts.
11. Flank Defence and any co-operation required from troops on flanks.
12. Artillery and Machine Gun Liaison.
13. What attacking troops will wear and carry.
14. Carrying parties required and what they will carry.
15. How to get through our own wires—gaps—Bangalore Torpedoes—wire cutters.
16. How to cross our own trenches, and to attack from them rapidly.
16. Action on reaching objective.
 - Patrols.
 - Consolidation.
 - Redistribution in depth.
 - Preparations to meet counter-attacks.
 - Artillery and machine gun S. O. S. barrages.
 - If necessary, relief of attacking troops—method of indicating line to Aeroplanes.

SECRET COPY No. 19.

140th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ORDER No. 253.

REFEC. MAP—SENLIS 2A. 1/20,000.

19th July, 1918.

1. 15th Bn. London Regt. will relieve 17th Bn. London Regt. in the Right Sector on night 20th-21st July. Details of relief between C. O.'s concerned. On relief 17th Bn. come into SUPPORT.

Prior to this relief 1 Coy. 2nd Bn. 131st Regt., Americans, will relieve 1 Coy. 1st Bn. 131st Regt., Americans, under arrangements of C. G., 17th Bn. London Regt.

2. 1 Coy. 2nd Bn. 131st Regt. will relieve 1 Coy. 1st Bn. 131st Regt., attached to 21st Bn. London Regt., in the line under arrangements by C. O., 21st Bn. London Regt.

3. Companies of 2nd Bn. 131st Regt. will debuss at HENENCOURT X Roads at 9:30 P. M. 17th and 21st Bns. will each send guides under an Officer to convey their attached companies to Bn. Hdqrs.

4. 17th and 21st Bns. will each conduct relieved companies direct to embussing point, HENENCOURT X Roads.

5. Surplus personnel of 15th Bn. will take up billets in WARLOY.

6. Code word for relief complete in Right Front—"ICI" 17th and 21st Bns. will each notify relief complete of Americans attached by code word—"PARTI." ACKNOWLEDGE.

CAPTAIN, BRIGADE MAJOR, *140th Infantry Brigade.*

Issued to Signals at 7:00 P. M.

SECRET COPY No. 19.

140th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ORDER No. 254.

REFEC. MAP—SENLIS SPECIAL SHEET. 1/20,000.

21st July, 1918.

1. 3rd Bn. 131st Regt., 33rd American Div., will relieve 2nd Bn. 131st Regt., 33rd American Div. in 47th Divisional Sector on night 22nd-23rd, July, 1918.

2. L Coy. 3rd Bn. will replace G Coy. 2nd Bn.—RIGHT FRONT.

M Coy. 3rd Bn. will replace H Coy. 2nd Bn.—LEFT FRONT.

Details of relief between O. C. Sectors concerned.

3. L & M Coys will arrive WARLOY 6:00 P. M. 15th and 21st Bns. will arrange to meet them at W. end of WARLOY. Tea will be provided on arrival.

4. L & M Coy. will leave WARLOY 8:30 P. M. and will be guided to Bn. Hdqrs. by guides under an Officer from each Battn. 1 limber from each Battalion will convey Lewis Guns to and from. Similarly outgoing companies will be conducted to their destination.

5. Destination of transport of 2nd Bn. after relief will be notified later.

6. Relief to be complete by 1 A. M. and will be wired to this office by Code Word—"OVER THERE."

CAPTAIN,

A/BRIGADE MAJOR,
140th Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at 7:00 P. M.

SECRET COPY No. 19.

140th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ORDER No. 256.

REFEC. MAP—SENLIS SHEET.

24th July, 1918.

1. 1st Bn. 131st American Regt. will relieve the 15th Bn. London Regt. in the Right Sector of the Brigade front on the night of the 24th-25th July in accordance with March Table attached.

2. During and on completion of relief the 1st Bn. 131st American Regt. will come under orders of the G. O. C. 140th Infantry Brigade.
3. On relief the 15th Bn. London Regt. will march to billets in CONTAY.
4. Advanced parties from the 1st Bn. 131st American Regt. will report at Brigade Headquarters at 8 A. M. 24th, where they will be met by one guide from Bn. Hdqrs. and one guide per company from the 15th Bn. These parties will remain in the line until their Battalion takes over.
5. The following Officers and O. Rs. will be left behind by the 15th Bn. London Regt. to assist the American Bn. for 24 hours:

Commanding Officer.

Adjutant (or Assistant Adjt.).

4 Company Commanders.

4 Lieutenants.

For Bn. Hdqrs.:

Regt. Sergt. Major.

Signaling Sergeant.

2 Signalers.

4 Runners.

For Each Company:

Company Sergt. Major.

4 Platoon Sergeants.

The No. 1 of all Lewis Guns.

4 Runners.

2 Signalers.

The following will be attached for 48 hours:

Regt. Qr. Mr. Sergt.

2 Transport N. C. O.'s or men and 4 coy. Q. M. Sergts.

6. Troops of the American Battalion will carry into the line rations for the 25th inst.
7. Details of all working parties will be handed over by the 15th Bn.
8. Lewis Guns of American Bn. will be carried by the teams from Brigade Hdqrs. to the line.
9. All rockets, trench stores, etc. will be handed over to the American Battalion.
10. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Hdqrs. by the words "GOOD LUCK."

ACKNOWLEDGE.

CAPTAIN,

BRIGADE MAJOR,

140th Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at 7:00 P. M.

140TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Table to Order No. 256.

Serial number	1st Bn., 131st Amer. Regt.	15th Bn., London Regt.	Position	Platoon Guides at Bde. Hq., V.20.d.4.4 at
1.	Battalion Hdqrs.	Battalion Hdqrs.		8:50 p. m.
2.	"A" Company	"A" Company	Left front	9:00 p. m.
3.	"D" Company	"D" Company	Right front	9:15 p. m.
4.	"C" Company	"C" Company	Support	9:30 p. m.
5.	"B" Company	"B" Company	Reserve	9:45 p. m.

Platoons will march at 200 yards interval.

Platoons in the American Battalion are numbered 1 to 4 in each company.

SECRET COPY No. 15.

142ND INFANTRY BRIGADE.
OPERATION ORDER NO. 311.

26th July, 1918.

REFERENCE MAP—SENILIS SHEET. 1/20,000.

1. The 22nd Bn., the London Regt., will be relieved in the Left Battalion Front of the 142nd Infantry Brigade Subsector by the 2nd Bn. 131st Regiment of the 66th Infantry Brigade (33rd American Division) on the night 28th/29th, July, 1918.

2. On day prior to relief 2nd American Battalion Commander will send representatives from Battalion Headquarters and each Company Headquarters to Brigade Headquarters whence they will proceed to 22nd Battalion Headquarters to make all arrangements for relief.

If desired by American Battalion Commander, one Officer per Company, one N.C.O. per platoon and one man per Lewis gun with proportion of runners, signallers, linesmen, observers, etc., will proceed into Line 24 hours before the American Battalion and be accommodated there by 22nd London Regt.

3. Four Guides per Company and two for Battalion Headquarters will be at HENENCOURT CHATEAU Gates at 9:30 P. M., 28th July, 1918.

4. The Battalion Intelligence Officer, one man per Lewis Gun, two runners per Company and four for Battalion Headquarters will remain in the line, with a proportion of signallers and linesmen until 10:00 A. M. on day following relief.

5. All Aeroplane photographs, maps with added information, trench stores, defence schemes, etc., will be handed over on relief and copies of receipts forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

Lists of return required from Units in the line with times due at Battalion and Brigade Headquarters will be handed over by Companies and Battalions to relieving Units.

6. On completion of relief 22nd London Regt. will march to billet in CONTAY, which will be allotted under arrangements to be made by Staff Captain.

7. In the event of the order to man battle stations being issued while 22nd London Regt. is at CONTAY they will act as Reserve to 66th American Infantry Brigade and will come under the orders of 33rd American Division.

8. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters with time of completion, Code Word "BLACKSTONE."

9. Acknowledge.

Issued to Signals at 12:30 P. M.

SECRET COPY NO. 18.

140TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.
DEFENCE SCHEME.

LEFT BRIGADE, 47TH (LONDON) DIVISION.

July 27th, 1918.

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Maps—Map "A." Map "B."

1. *Boundaries and Dispositions.*

See Map "A."

2. *Features of Tactical Importance.*

(i) The Spur running E. and W. North of MILLENCOURT.

(ii) The ridge BAIZIEUX—HENENCOURT—BOUZINCOURT.

(iii) HENENCOURT Village.

3. *Responsibility of the Brigade.*

The Brigade is responsible for the defence of the Brigade area back to the HENENCOURT Defence (Excl.).

4. *General Policy.*

(i) The Zone of Defence is divided into three Systems:

(a) Front System.

(b) Intermediate System, the front edge of which is the main line of resistance.

(c) System running North from LAVIEVILLE.

(ii) The main line of resistance in case of attack will be MELBOURNE TRENCH—ADELAIDE STREET, but BRISBANE—W.26.a (the spur)—CAREY TRENCH as far north as W.21a.O.9. will be held as the front line of the Main Line of resistance with which it is connected by HAM SWITCH and AUSTRALIA STREET.

(iii) The garrison to be maintained in advance of the main line of resistance will not exceed five Companies.

(a) In case of a hostile raid they should be prepared to act offensively, cutting off as many raiders as possible.

(b) In case of an enemy offensive on a large scale Battalion Commanders will arrange that these companies are to maintain their positions until the last or until ordered to withdraw under Brigade orders, in which case they will fight a rearguard action back to pre-arranged positions in the main line of resistance, taking up successive fire positions which will be selected and entrenched. They will stubbornly dispute every contestable piece of ground.

They will be withdrawn by routes selected with a view to preventing them from masking the fire of our Infantry or Machine Guns.

(iv) Suitable fire positions between the front line and the main line of resistance will be entrenched with a view to the same being successively occupied by the garrison in advance of the main line of resistance, or used as pivots for counter attacks to recover any portion of the front line penetrated.

(v) All ranks garrisoning the main line of resistance and other lines in rear, must clearly understand that the front line companies may be ordered to withdraw in the case of a big attack. Precautions will be taken to prevent the withdrawal of these companies leading to the retirement of any part of the garrison of the main line of resistance, which line will be held at all costs.

(vi) (a) The Battalion in Support will be the "Counter attack force." They may be required to support or retake points of tactical importance.

(b) The schemes for counter-attack will be carried out by Battalions, Companies and Platoons on the ground over which these units will be required to counter attack and will be the actual schemes they would be called upon to do in case of necessity. When enemy observation renders it impossible for the troops to carry out the practices, Section and Platoon Commanders should walk over the ground which their Sections and Platoons will have to traverse during the counter attack.

(vii) All Headquarters from Company upwards will be organized for defence.

(viii) Battalion Commanders should select alternative positions for garrison of posts which could be occupied in the event of their present positions becoming untenable owing to hostile shelling with Yellow Cross Gas. These will be chosen with a view to the rapid re-occupation of the vacated posts unless the alternative positions are so sited as to bring fire to bear on the ground covered by the original posts and will be clearly marked.

5. *In Case of Attack.*

Working parties East of the line running North from LAVIEVILLE will report to the nearest Infantry Commander.

6. *Machine Guns.*

Guns which cover the Brigade front are shown in Map "B."

7. *Artillery.*

(a) The Brigade Front is covered by the Left Group R. F. A., Headquarters at V.15.a.6.4.

The Group consists of:

3 18 pr. Batteries.

1 4.5" How. Battery.

There is one anti-tank gun and one forward silent section for S. O. S. out of the above group.

There are six Stokes and five 6" Newton Mortars in the line. Positions are shown on Map "B."

(b) On receipt of S. O. S. call the Artillery will open fire on their S. O. S. lines (shown on map "A'") for three minutes and then search the area in rear for seven minutes to a depth of 500 yards.

Rates of fire:

First 5 minutes—INTENSE.

Second 5 minutes—RAPID.

If weather conditions permit, a gas bombardment will be carried out after the above.

8. *Tanks.*

One Section of Tanks is situated at V.21.d.8.2. They will operate independently on the Brigade front in case of attack.

9. *Communications.*

See Appendix "A."

L. M. GIBBS,

Captain, Brigade Major, 140th Infantry Brigade.

B.M. 65/4. 27th July, 1918.

APPENDIX I. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

1. *Telephone and Telegraph.*

The Brigade is in direct communication with the Division, Brigades on the Left and Right, Left Artillery Group, Heavy Artillery, M. G. Company, Battalions and T. M. Battery. The circuit to Division and Right Brigade is by buried cable and to Battalions as far as Battle Headquarters by buried cable. The Battalions are also in communication with their flank Battalions and the Artillery covering them.

The Depot is also directly connected to Brigade.

Telegraphic work forward is by Fullerphone and to Division by Sounder.

At HAM REDOUBT there is a Forward exchange and linesman's post, with additional lines to Battalions, T. M. Battery, etc.

2. *Wireless and Earth Sets.*

Power Buzzers and Amplifiers are installed at both Bn. H. Q. in the line, working to a P. B. and Amplifier at Battle H. Qrs. (buried cable head) and to themselves and flank Battalions.

A trench wireless station erected at HAM REDOUBT works to Brigade H. Qrs. and all flank sets.

3. *Visual.*

The Left and Right Battalions are in visual communication with each other and certain of their companies. The Left Bn. works to HAM REDOUBT (where wireless is installed) which works to Brigade H. Qrs. via a transmitting station at V.22b.3.4., which is not manned under normal circumstances.

Brigade Headquarters is also in visual communication with Left Group Artillery.

4. *Runners.*

A runner post is established at Battle Headquarters, which is intermediate to all Battalions, and deals with both ordinary and special runs and is in direct and independent communication with Brigade Signals.

5. *Pigeons.*

Four pigeons daily are supplied to each Battalion in the line homing to lofts at Corps H. Qrs. Average time of message to Brigade H. Qrs. is 40 minutes.

6. *Message Rockets.*

The Right Company of the Left Battalion and Left Company of the Right Battalion both have rocket stations installed firing to Left Bn. H. Qrs. Two further stations are erected, one at each Bn. Hqrs. in the line firing to HAM REDOUBT. These stations have been tested and found very satisfactory.

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141ST INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Administrative Arrangement in Connection with Operation Order
No. 254, Dated 28-7-18.

1. *Ammunition.*

Railhead. FLESSELLES.

S. A. A. Section. MONTIGNEY.

Divnl. S. A. A. and Grenade Dump. U 21,e,8:8.

Dumps.

Brigade Headquarters. V, 20.d.4:4.

Right Battn. Hqrs. W. 25.b.1:7.

Left Battn. Hqrs. W. 19 b.6.5.

Support Battn. Hqrs. V. 23.d.2:2.

66,000 rounds S. A. A. are on wheels at Brigade Hqrs. V, 20.d.4:4.

Brigade Transport Officer will arrange to have 3 S. A. D. Limbers from Mobile Reserve, under a N. C. O., at Bde. Hqrs. at 7 P. M. on 30th July, 1918, to be used in case of active operations.

2. *Supplies.*

Rations are sent forward on limber and pack animals as far as Companies in order to save carrying parties.

Water is sent up in petrol tins each night.

There is a 100-gallon water tank in each Battn. Area, to be filled from water carts nightly.

There is a well at W, 20.e.0.5, containing 10,000 gallons. Every 100 gallons requires $1\frac{1}{2}$ scoops of chloride of lime.

3. There are numerous tracks to forward areas, which have been reconnoitred during forthcoming tour.

4. *Reserve Rations.*

Reserve rations are stored as follows:

	Biscuits	P. Meat	Tea	Sugar
V.20.d.4:4.	1190	1096	1164	1164
W.19.b.7:5.	240	160	....	....
W.25.5.2.7.	25	20	....	....

These will be carefully checked by an officer and receipts given and forwarded to this office by 5 P. M., 31-7-18.

5. *Medical.*

R. A. P.:S. W.19, central.

Bearer Relay Posts. V. 24.d:1 9 and V.23.e.4.7.

A. D. S. HENENCOURT -V.27.d. 3.9.

(A new A. D. S. is in process of construction at V, 22.e.2.7.).

M. D. S. CHATEAU VADENCOURT.

Corps Walking Wounded Station- B.17.b.4.9. (during active operations only).

Lines of Evacuation—Left Brigade Front.

By hand carriage to R. A. P.'s, thence, by day by wheeled stretchers via BEARER RELAY POSTS, V.24.d. 1.9. and V.23 e. 4.7 to A. D. S. and by night in fine weather by motor ambulance car to A. D. S.

6. *Cemeteries.*

See Divisional Administrative Instructions No. 4. Para. 12.

No new Cemetery to be opened without authority from this office.

7. All trench and area stores will be taken over, receipts given, and forwarded to this office by 5 P. M., 31st July, 1918.

Food containers at Depots will NOT be handed over.

Captain, A/Staff Captain, 141st Infantry Brigade.

A.A.254. 29th July, 1918.

SECRET COPY NO. 19

141ST INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ADDENDUM TO TABLE TO ORDER NO. 259.

29th July, 1918.

1. Reference Serial No. 1, Column "Destination" should read: "Battalion (less two companies) to WARLOY. Two companies in the LAVIEVILLE Trench East of LAVIEVILLE.

2. Billets in WARLOY will be allotted on application to the town Major.
Captain, Brigade Major, 140 Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at

Copies to all recipients of Order No. 250.

SECRET.

111 Corps.
 No. G. O. 1107.

July 30th, 1918.

18th Division.
 47th Division.
 58th Division.
 33rd American Division.
 G. O. C. R. A. C. E. 111 Corps H. A.

Copy to:
 111 Corps Schools.
 111 Corps Gas School.
 Chemical Adviser.

“MUSTARD GAS.”

1. A recent hostile bombardment with Yellow Cross Gas Shell on a portion of the Front resulted in a hundred casualties, 80% of which are considered to have been due to insufficient knowledge of the properties of Mustard Gas.

2. Commanding Officers are again reminded that they are held responsible for all avoidable Gas Casualties in their units.

3. It must be realized that personal bravery, initiative and energy in an emergency will not avail to save men who have neglected to study the possibilities arising from bombardments with Mustard Gas.

- (a) It may be necessary to wear Respirators for long periods and under difficulties.
- (b) It may be necessary to evacuate positions altogether. Alternative positions must be considered beforehand.
- (c) All men must be warned against remaining unprotected in any place where *the slightest trace* of Mustard Gas can be smelled.
- (d) Strict orders must be given that Respirators will on no account be removed after a Gas Bombardment without the authority of the Senior Officer or man present, who will then be held responsible that no trace of Gas remains.

4. A full summary of the difficulties likely to arise from these bombardments is given in S. S. 212 recently issued down to Battalions. A short summary of the properties of MUSTARD GAS is printed overleaf.

BRIGADIER GENERAL, GENERAL STAFF,

H. Q. 111 Corps.
 30th July, 1918.

III Corps.

YELLOW CROSS GAS SHELL—(“MUSTARD GAS”).

1. The shell contains an oily liquid, which is scattered by the bursting charge, and slowly spreads off in vapor.

2. This vapor, if concentrated, will burn the skin, but the effect is not felt and does not show, until several hours afterwards.

3. Strong concentration of vapor, or even the liquid will cause no danger to the skin if washed off or rubbed with chloride of lime within a minute or two. If liquid

Sig. 35

has been in contact with the skin for about 10 minutes, blistering is unavoidable, and will be more serious the longer the liquid remains in contact.

4. The mucous membranes of the nose and throat, the lungs, and the eyes especially, are more sensitive than the skin. Concentrations of the vapor which are too weak to affect the skin, will cause serious eye trouble, and by damaging the tissues of the throat and lungs make those susceptible to infection.

5. The vapor will permeate all fabrics, and traces will go through leather. Men have been burned on the feet by getting infected mud on their boots.

6. Contaminated clothing is a source of great danger. If a man with this vapor on his clothing is allowed to stay in a dugout, all the inhabitants may be gassed.

7. While a few minutes' exposure to very weak concentrations may have no ill effects, PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO ANY CONCENTRATION OF THE VAPOR WHICH CAN BE SMELLED AT ALL, WILL CAUSE INJURY TO THE EYES AND LUNGS OF UNPROTECTED MEN.

8. There is no means of neutralizing this gas which is quite satisfactory in the field. Chloride of lime is useful if spread on in quantity, but tends to mask the smell of the Mustard Gas without completely destroying it.

141st INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET COPY No. 21.

OPERATION ORDER No. 256.

REF. MAP. SENLIS SPECIAL SHEET. 1/20,000.

30th July, 1918.

1. The 3rd Battalion, 131st U. S. A. Regt., will relieve the 1st London Irish in the right Sector of the Brigade Front on the night of the 1st-2nd August, in accordance with attached table.

2. During the relief and on its completion, 3rd Battn., 131st U. S. A. Regt., will come under orders of the G. O. C. 141st Infantry Bde.

3. On relief the 1st London Irish will march to billets in CONTAY.

4. Advanced parties of the 3rd Battn., 131st U. S. A. Regt., will report at Bde. Hqrs. (V 20.d.4.4.) at 10 a. m. on July 31st, where they will be met by 1 guide from Battalion H. Q. and 1 guide per Co. from the 1st London Irish. These parties will remain in the line till their Battn. takes over.

5. The following officers and O. R.s will be left behind by the 1st London Irish to assist the American Battn. for 24 hours:

Commanding Officer.
Adjutant (or Assistant Adjt.).
4 Company Commanders.
4 Lieutenants.

For Bn. Hqrs.:

Regt. Sergt. Major.
Signaling Sergeant.
2 Signalers.
4 Runners.

For Each Company:

Company Sergt. Major.
 The No. 1 of all Lewis Guns.
 4 Runners.
 2 Signalers.

The following will be attached for 48 hours:

Regt. Qmr. Sergt.
 2 Transport N. C. O.s, or men, and 4 Coy. Qmr. Sgts.

6. Troops for the American Battalions will carry into the line rations for the 2nd prox.

7. Details of all working parties will be handed over by the 1st London Irish.

8. Lewis Guns of American Battn. will be carried by the teams from Brigade Hqrs. to the line.

9. All rockets, trench stores, etc., will be handed over to the American Battn.

10. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Hqrs. by the word "GOURAUD."

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued through Signals at.
 Distribution—See Table.

CAPTAIN,
 BRIGADE MAJOR,
141st Infantry Brigade.

Table to Operation Order No. 256.

Serial number	3rd Battalion, U. S. A. Regt.	1st London, Irish Rifles	Position	Platoon guides at Bde. Hdqrs., V.20.d.4.4 at
1.	Battalion Hdqrs.	Battalion Hdqrs.		8:50 p. m.
2.	"I" Company	"A" Company	Right front	9:00 p. m.
3.	"M" Company	"D" Company	Center	9:15 p. m.
4.	"L" Company	"C" Company	Left front	9:30 p. m.
5.	"K" Company	"B" Company	Support	9:45 p. m.

Platoons will march at 200 yards interval.

Platoons in the American Battalion are numbered 1 to 4 in each company.

131st U. S. A. Regt.:

Reference Table to Operation Order No. 256—Column 5.

Times for all guides will be posted ONE HOUR.

CAPTAIN,
 BRIGADE MAJOR,
141st Infantry Brigade.

A/00,256:

31st July, 1918.

SECRET COPY No. 21.

141st INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATION ORDER No. 256.

REF. MAP. SENLIS SPECIAL SHEET, 1/20,000.

1. The transport of the 3rd Batt., 131st U. S. A. Regt., will move tonight to the transport lines of the 141st Inf. Bde. at U.22.a., VADENCOURT WOOD.

2. They will ration themselves, rations being delivered at Transport Lines by 12 noon daily, and will proceed to line on U. S. A. transport with 141st Brigade

Transport. The Brigade Transport Officer will arrange to have an Officer or a reliable N. C. O. to proceed with U. S. A. transport to the line each night as a guide.

3. All trench and area stores, reserve rations and hot food containers will be handed over and receipts obtained by London Irish Rifles and forwarded to this office.

4. A billeting party of the London Irish Rifles will meet Staff Captain at 11 A. M., 1st August, 1918, at Camp Commandant's Office, CONTAY, for purpose of taking over billets.

CAPTAIN,

A/Staff Captain, 141st Infantry Brigade.

31st July, 1918.

Issued to recipients of O. O. 256, minus 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 23, Supply Officer 3rd Bn., 131st Regt., U. S. A.

SECRET COPY No. 21.

141st INFANTRY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER No. 258.

REF. SENLIS SPECIAL SHEET. 1/20,000.

4th August, 1918.

1. The 1st London Irish Rifles will relieve the 3rd Battn., 131st U. S. A. Regt., in the Right Section of the 141st Inf. Bde. front on the night 5th-6th August, 1918.

2. All details of relief will be arranged between C. O.s concerned.

3. On completion of relief the 3rd Battn., 131st U. S. A. Regt., will march back to BAIZIEUX LINE.

Intervals of 100 yards between platoons will be maintained east of HENEN-COURT.

4. All Defense Schemes, Aeroplane Photographs, Trench Stores, etc., will be handed over and receipts obtained, duplicates to be forwarded to Brigade Hdqrs.

5. Details of work in progress and proposed, and all working parties furnished will be taken over.

6. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade Hdqrs. by the code word "FLODDEN."

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

CAPTAIN,

Brigade Major, 141st Infantry Brigade.

SECRET COPY No. 20.

47th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER No. 253.

REF. MAP: SENLIS SHEET.

6th August, 1918.

1. The 33rd American Division is placed under orders of the G. O. C., 47th Division.

2. (a) The front, at present held by the 47th Div., will be extended southwards as far as E.20.d.2.1., relieving the 37th Infantry Brigade, 12th Div.

(b) The 132nd Infantry Regt., 33rd American Div., will relieve the 37th Infantry Brigade in the subsector at present held by it on night 7th-8th August.

(c) Move will take place in accordance with attached table, all other details being arranged by O. C. 132nd Infantry Regiment direct with G. O. C., 37th Infantry Brigade.

(d) Command will pass at 12 midnight, 7th-8th August.

3. (a) The 124th Machine Gun Battalion is placed under the tactical command of the O. G., 47th Bn., M. G. Corps, who will arrange for the machine gun defense of the new area to be taken over (relieving the guns of the 12th Division) and for the relief of the two left companies of the 50th Bn. M. G. Corps at present in the LAVIEVILLE Line.

(b) Moves will take place in accordance with attached table, all other details being arranged direct between 12th and 47th Bns. M. G. Corps.

4. R. E. and Medical arrangements in the new area to be taken over will be arranged by C. R. E. and A. D. M. S., respectively.

5. C. R. A. 47th Division will arrange for artillery support for the front which is being taken over by the 132nd Infantry Regt.

6. (a) The 131st Infantry Regt., 33rd American Div., will be in reserve behind the 132nd Infantry Regt., and will be disposed as follows:

1 Battalion.....	BAIZIEUX Line
1 Battalion.....	Vicinity of BAIZIEUX
1 Battalion	PIERREGOT
Regimental H. Q.	PIERREGOT

(b) On a date to be notified later, and after the above reliefs and moves have been completed, the 66th American Infantry Brigade will take over the tactical command of the 131st and 132nd Infantry Regts. with H. Q. in the vicinity of BAIZIEUX.

7. (a) Command of the front from the present southern Divisional boundary as far south as E.20.d.2.1. will pass from the G. O. C. 12th Division to the G. O. C. 47th Division, at 12 midnight, 7th-8th August.

(b) The southern boundary of 47th Division will then be an east and west line through E.20.d.0.0., but FRANVILLERS, ROUND WOOD and BETHENCOURT will be inclusive to the Division on the right.

8. (a) The following units of the 65th American Brigade will march into 47th Division area tonight and will be accommodated as shown:

129th Inf. Regt. H. Q. and 1 Batt.
2 Battns.—CONTAY.
129th Field Ambulance—DAILY MAIL WOODS.
123rd Machine Gun Bn.—DAILY MAIL WOODS.

(b) The 65th American Brigade will continue its training in the line under orders which will be issued separately.

9. Acknowledge.

Lt. Colonel, General Staff, 47th (London) Division.

Issued at 3:45 P. M.

MOVE TABLE ACCOMPANYING DIV. ORDER NO. 253.

Serial No.	Date	Unit	From	To	Remarks
1	6th Aug.	124th M. G. Bn.	MOLLIENS-AU-BOIS	BAIZIEUX (Hq. and 2 Co.'s WARLOY)	M. G. Co.'s of 50th Div. relieved will move to QUERRIEU on morning after relief under orders of 47th M. G. Bn.
2.	6th Aug.	2 Bns. 132nd Regt.	MOLLIENS WOOD	ROUND WOOD	Move to commence 8:30 p. m.
3.	7-8th Aug.	2 Bns. 132nd Regt.	ROUND WOOD	Line	In relief of 37th Inf. Bde.
4.	7-8th Aug.	132nd Regt. (less 2 Bns.	MOLLIENS WOOD	Line	do
5.	7-8th Aug.	1 Bn. 131st Regt.	PIERREGOT	LAVIEVILLE Line (east of BRESLE)	Move to commence at 8:00 p. m.
6.	7-8th Aug.	Hq. and 1 Bn. 131st Regt.	PIERREGOT		

Code—M. B. T. M.

47th Division, 42 words.

66 American Infantry Brigade, GT 974.

August 7 aaa Reference 47, Division order 253, par. 6 (a). For one Battalion Lavieville line, read Baizieux line. Address 131 Infantry Regiment to acknowledge repeated 66 American Brigade 132 Infantry Regiment from 47 Division 12:10 P. M.

SECRET COPY NO. 20.

47TH (LONDON) DIVISION.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 6, 6TH AUGUST, 1918.

(Issued in connection with 47th Division Operation Order 253, 6-8-18.)

1. SUPPLIES. No change. 33rd Amer. Div. will continue to draw by M. T.
2. AMMUNITION. The 33rd Amer. Div. may draw S. A. A. and grenades from 47th Division Dump. CONTAY SIDING, U. 21.c.6.8.
3. TENTAGE. Divisions will retain all tents in their possession; 33rd American Division and 12th Division will make all necessary arrangements with regard to exchange of tents direct, to save striking.
4. BATHS. Thirty-third American Division will take over from the 12th Division the following Baths, and will arrange for their working and administration:

AGINCOURT

BOUS ROBERT

BAIZIEUX P.

of W. Cage.

Forty-seventh Divisional Baths Officer will get into touch with Baths Officer of 33rd Amer. Div., and give all assistance in taking over and running the baths.

Location of 47th Div. Baths Officer: CONTAY.

5. TRAFFIC CONTROL. Thirty-third American Division will take over all Traffic Control Posts in the area taken over from the 12th Division, under arrangements to be made between the two Divisions.

A. P. M. and Traffic Officer 47th Division will get into touch with 33rd American Div. and will give all assistance possible in taking over and supervision of posts.

Location of 47th Division A. P. M. and Traffic Officer: CONTAY.

6. STORES. Ammunition Dumps, Trench and Area Stores (including fireworks, water tins, extra water bottles, reserves of ammunition, water and rations, tarpaulins for covering ammunition) will be handed over by 12th Division to 33rd American Division on relief of Sector.

Units of 33rd American Division will forward copies of receipts to 47th Division "Q."

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut. Colonel, A. A. & Q. M. G., 47th (London) Division.

SECRET COPY NO. 21.

R. A. M. C. ORDER NO. 90.

(In Connection with 47th Division Order No. 253, Dated 6/8/18.)

By COLONEL T. FRASER, D. S. O.

Commanding R. A. M. C., 47th (London) Division.

August 6th, 1918

REFERENCE MAP—SENLIS. 1/20,000.

The 33rd American Division is placed under the orders of the G. O. C., 47th Division (London).

The Front at present held by the 47th (London) Division is being extended Southwards as far as E.20.d.2.1., the 132nd Regiment, 33rd American Division relieving the 37th Infantry Brigade, 12th Division on the night 7/8th Aug.

FORWARD AREA. The O. C., 130th Provisional Field Ambulance will take over the existing Medical arrangements in the Forward Area from the O. C., 38th Field Ambulance, together with the undermentioned R. A. M. C. Posts:

- BEARER RELAY POST.....D.17.a.5.4.
- ADVANCED DRESSING STATION.....D.15.d.9.2.
- WALKING WOUNDED COLLECTING POST.....D.19.d.5.4.
- ARTILLERY POST—BRESLE.....D.15.a.5.4.

The R. A. M. C. Bearers at these Posts and at the R. A. Ps., D.18.c.8.2. and D. 12.d.4.6 will be relieved by a corresponding number of bearers from the 130th Provisional Field Ambulance.

STORES. Any surplus Medical Stores at the R. A. Ps., R. A. M. C. Bearer Relay Posts and the Advanced Dressing Station will be taken over by the O. C. 130th Provisional Field Ambulance, and copies of receipts of such forwarded to this office.

RELIEFS. Details of reliefs will be arranged direct between Os. C. concerned. Reliefs will be completed by 8:00 P. M., 7th August. Completion of reliefs to be notified to this office.

SICK AND WOUNDED—COLLECTION OF:

Sick and wounded from the new portion of the 47th (London) Division Front will be evacuated by Motor Ambulance cars of the 130th Provisional Field Ambulance to the Main Dressing Station, VADENCOURT CHATEAU.

Sick of troops of the 33rd American Division in the BACK AREA will be collected by the 129th Provisional Field Ambulance.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Colonel, A. D. M. S., 47th (London) Div.

SECRET COPY NO. 20.

47TH (LONDON) DIVISIONAL.

CONTINUATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 6,
DATED 6-8-18.

(Issued in Connection with 47th Division Operation Order 253, 6-8-18.)

1. BATHS. Thirty-third American Division will in addition take over and arrange for working of Baths at PIERREGOT.

2. SALVAGE DUMPS SOLDER KILN. Salvage Dumps and Solder Kilns are situated at BAIZIEUX and EBARTS FARM.

O. C. 47th Divl. Salvage Coy will arrange for two men to take over each of above Salvage Dumps.

3. CEMETERIES. Cemeteries are situated as under:

BAVELINCOURT.....	C.7. Central
BRESLE WOOD.....	D.8.d.1.8
ALBERT ROAD.....	D.17.a.5.4
LAVIEVILLE.....	D.4.d.3.4
Point 106.....	D.2.d.5.1

Thirty-third American Division will detail two men to take over charge of above cemeteries.

4. Town Major, BAIZIEUX. Thirty-third American Division will detail an Officer to relieve Lieut. McCracken, 12th Division, as town Major, BAIZIEUX.

All Transfers of duties to take place at 12 noon, 8th instant.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut. Colonel, A. A. & Q. M. G., 47th Division, London.

NOTE.

For a clear understanding of the events leading up to the engagement at Chipilly Ridge and Gressaire Wood and the operations following, see Chapter XVII, messages sent and received, August 8th, 9th, 1918.

"A" Group Commander, Lt.-Col. H. W. LOCKHART, I.27.b.9.5. ADV.D. H.Q. I.30.b.2.9.

"A" (1) Sub-Group Commander, Major D. A. SANFORD, DSO. J.23.a.4.8.

Battery	Nature	Location	No. of guns in reference action at map	Total estbt.	In poss.	Center line	Average range	Officer commanding
110 S.B. (27)	6" How.	J.22.a.2.8	6	6	6	95	9,000	a/Major H. CAMPBELL, M. C.
255 S.B. (51)	6" How.	J.28.c.70.95	4	6	4	90	9,000	a/Major W. W. COOPER, M. C.
283 S.B. (51)	6" How.	J.22.d.0.4.	5	6	5	90 (4)	9,300	Major J. H. SPEEDING, I from W. S. Night 7/8.
169 S.B. (51)	8" How.	J.27.a.3.1.	6	6	6	90 (4)	11,200	a/Major A. E. JONES.
161 S.B. (51)	9.2" How.	J.28.a.7.6.	6	6	6	100 (2)	10,000	a/Major C. S. BROTHERS.
113 H.B. (76)	60-pdr.	J.21.a.85.00	6	6	6	90 (4)	12,000	a/Major F. ROBERTS.
120 H.B. (85)	60-pdr.	J.21.c.65.65	6	6	6	95 (2)	12,000	Major A. J. R. GREGORY, DSO.
138 H.B. (51)	60-pdr.	J.26.a.3.1.	6	6	6	95 (4)	12,000	a/Major H. G. PARIS, MC.
137 H.B. (51)	60-pdr.	J.27.a.5.8.	6	6	6	95	12,000	a/Major E. E. TOVER.
Wagon Lines.								
3 S.B. U.18.b.8.2. 5710)			2 S.B. U.24.b.5.2.					132 H.B. C1.c.3.6. (62D).
25 H.B. B.24.c.9.4.			137 H.B. H.11.d.5.7.Cul.					120 H.B. I.20.b.8.7.
138 H.B. I.12.c.6.4.			I.23.a.99. Advd.					
			I.34.d.8.3.					
			(Gun Teams)					
								(Signed: G. G. HANSON, Maj. R. G. A. for Major, R. A. Brigade Major, III Corps H. A.

SECRET COPY NO. 12.

58TH DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 153.

—Ref. Sheet 52D N. E. 1/20,000.

1. The attack on the enemy defensive organization will be continued on August 9th.

Objectives are shown on attached *tracing*, "A."

The attack will be covered by a creeping barrage of 18 pdrs. as shown on Tracing "A," which also gives the zones allotted to the different groups. The 4.5" Hows. will conform with the 18 pdrs. barrage, keeping always 100x in front of it and searching as far as possible such localities as are most likely to harbor the enemy. All lifts will be at the rate of 200x every 8 minutes.

2. Rates of fire:

O. O. - 0.4.	Intense
1.40 - 1.45.	Intense
1.58 - 2. 2.	Intense
Remainder	Normal

AMMUNITION:

18-pdrs. will fire shrapnel at all ranges up to 5,000 yards with a corrector giving 60% on graze. Above this range H. E. will be used with 106 fuze. Smoke shell will be fired at the rate of one round in every fifteen for all barrages, provided the supply of ammunition ensures the full amount for protective barrages.

3. Group Commanders will push out officers patrols as usual to get into touch with the situation as it develops.

4. Co-operation with the R. A. F. and all necessary arrangements for it will be the same as for the operation carried out on August 8th.

5. III Corps Heavy Artillery are co-operating by bombarding hostile occupied areas and with counter-battery work.

6. Zero hour will be notified separately to those concerned.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) H. WILLIAMS,

Major, Brigade Major, A. R., 56th Divisional Artillery.

9th August, 1918.

58TH (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER NO. 142.

9/8/18.

1. The 58th Division with 131st American Regt. attached will attack today. The 131st American Regt. on the right the 175th Inf. Bde. (less 10th Batta) (but with attached 1 Bn. 174th Bde. and 1 Bn. R. Berks attached) on left.

The 12th Division will attack on the left of the 175th Inf. Bde.

Zero hour will be 5 P. M.

2. (a) The objective K.24.d.1.5.—K.18.c.O.O. K.17 central K.11.c.3.O. (Railway)—K.11.a.1.4. (Rd. Junction).

(b) Dividing Line 175th Inf. Bde. and 12th Division K.15.c.5.2. Rd. Junction K.11.a.1.4.—K.6.a.3.1.

Dividing Line between 175th Inf. Bde. and 131st American Regt. K.27.b.2.8.—K.22, central.—K.17, central.—K.12.d.6.9.

3. The attack will be covered by a Creeping Barrage advancing 100 yards in 4 mins. Start Line on which barrage will open at Zero K.15.d.O.5.—K.28.a.8.5.—K.35.e.6.5.
- Barrage will lift on the right at Zero plus 8, and on the left at Zero plus 20. Subsequent lifts being at the rate of 100 yds. in 4 mins. and parallel with the general line of the first objective. Protective barrage will halt for one hour on a line 300 yards N. E. of the objective.
4. Ten Tanks of 10th Tank Battn. will co-operate; 5 on the front of the 131st American Regt.; 5 on the front of the 175th Inf. Bde.
5. "C" Coy. 58th M. G. Battn. will be attached to 175th Inf. Bde. 131st American Regt. has its own M. G. Coy.
- O. C. 58th M. G. Battn. will arrange for all other M. G. Fire.
6. 174th Inf. Bde. will get in touch with 131st American Regt. and will provide any guides required.
7. 131st American Regt. will have two Battns. in front line
..... One Battn. in support and to mop up.
8. Acknowledge.

(Signed) C. W. DAVIES,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff, 58th (London) Division.

Issued at 1:30 P. M.
Distribution as for 0.0. 140.

SECRET COPY NO. 12.

58TH DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 154.

1. The 175th Infantry Brigade and 131st American Infantry Regiment will attack this afternoon and capture the objectives shown on attached tracing "A." The 12th Division are attacking on the left.
2. Details of the barrage covering the attack will be as detailed in 58th D. A. Order No. 153, para. 1, and as shown on Tracing "A" attached hereto which cancels all previous issues.
3. From zero hour onwards the 5th Army Brigade R. H. A. 18th Army Brigade R. F. A. and 8th Army Brigade R. F. A. come under the orders of C. R. A., 58th Division and the Final Protective Barrage will be the S. O. S. Line for troops under command of G. O. C., 58th Division, till further orders.
4. Ammunition as in 58th D. A. Order No. 153.

RATES OF FIRE:

O. O.O. 4.—Intense.
Remainder—Normal.

5. The Brigades mentioned in para. 3 will send orderlies to these Headquarters at J.19.c.5.5, at once.
6. Zero hour will be 5.00 p. m.
7. Acknowledge.

(Signed) H. WILLIAMS,
*Major,
Brigade Major R. A.
58th Divisional Artillery*

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COPY NO. 21.

ADDENDUM NO. 2

To

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS Dated 14, 7, 18

By

Colonel T. FRASER, D. S. O.

Commanding R. A. M. C. 47th, (London) Division.

9th August, 1918.

FORWARD AREA
(33rd American Division)

REGIMENTAL AID POSTS

Left Battalion
D,12,d,4:6:Right Battalion
D,18,e,8,2.Support Battalion,
D,17,central.

BEARER RELAY POST

Artillery Collecting Post, D,17,a,5,4.
BRESLE—D,15,a,5,4.ADVANCED DRESSING STATION.
D,15,d,9,2.MAIN DRESSING STATION,
VADENCOURT CHATEAU.

METHODS OF EVACUATION:

Cases are carried from the R. A. Ps. to the ALBERT AMIENS Road along which they are transported on wheeled stretchers via BEARER RELAY POSTS—D,17,a,5:4, to the A.D.S.—D,15,d,9,2.

From here cases are taken by motor ambulance car via. FRANVILLERS and CONTAY to the main Dressing station, VADENCOURT CHATEAU.

The men stationed at the Artillery Collecting Post, BRESLE are responsible for informing the A. D. S. when the services of a car are required in the village.

In the event of active operations walking wounded cases are sent direct to the walking wounded Collecting Post, D,19,d,5:4; where they are collected by lorry and transported to the Corps walking Wounded Station, FARM MONTIGNY, B,17,b,4,9.

130th PROVISIONAL FIELD AMBULANCE.

O. C. 130th Provisional Field ambulance is responsible for the Medical Arrangements in the forward Area of the 33rd American Division.

SICK AND WOUNDED.

All sick and wounded of the 33rd American Division in the forward area will be evacuated to the M. D. S. CHATEAU VADENCOURT, cases suitable for the C. C. S. will be evacuated by M. A. C. cars. Other cases (including Dental and ophthalmic cases) will be sent to the 130th Provisional Field Ambulance, PIERRE-GOT.

HD. QRS. 130th PROVISIONAL FIELD AMBULANCE—MAIRIE PIERRE-GOT.

C,S, 93.

Colonel,
A. D. M. S. 47th (London) Division.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

REFERENCE SHEET 62D 1:40,000.

UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.	O.5.e.6.8—CHATEAU FOUILLOY.	
4th Aust. Div. Artillery H. Q.	I.35.e.6.3.	
10th A.F.A. Bde.	MORCOURT.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.	P.24.b.8.4.	
4th Aust. D.A.C.	J.32.d.—VAIRE.	
4th D.T.M.O.	Q.8.d.4.4.	
4th Aust. Inf. Bde. Hq.	Q.16.a.35.95—MORCOURT.	
13th Battalion.	Q.23.a.4.4.	
14th Battalion.	Q.16.a.4.6.	
15th Battalion.	Q.16.b.1.8.	
16th Battalion.	Q.16.d.65.80.	
12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H. Q.	Q.21.d.6.3—JEAN WOOD.	Adv.
	P.24.b.8.5.	Rear
45th Battalion.	Q.29.a.6.4.	
46th Battalion.	Q.29.a.6.4.	
48th Battalion.	Q.24.Central.	
13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H. Q.	Q.7.e.2.5.	
4th Aust. Div. Engineer H. Q.	O.5.e.20.05—FOUILLOY.	
4th Aust. Field Coy.	Q.8.d.	
12th Aust. Field Coy.	O.3.a.3.6.	
13th Aust. Field Coy.	O.3.e.6.1.	
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.	O.5.e.6.8.—FOUILLOY.	
4th Aust. M. G. Bn.	P.11.b.2.2.	
4th Aust. M. G. Coy.	Q.16.d.70.45.	
12th Aust. M. G. Coy.	Q.23.d.1.1.	
13th Aust. M. G. Coy.	Q.21.d.—JEAN WOOD.	
24th Aust. M. G. Coy.	Q.9.Central.	
A. D. M. S.	O.5.e.6.8.—FOUILLOY CHATEAU.	
4th Aust. Field Ambulance.	P.3.e.1.9.	
12th Aust. Field Ambulance.	N.4.e.9.2.	
13th Aust. Field Ambulance.	O.10.a.9.7.	
4th Aust. Div. Train H. Q.	FOUILLOY.	
7th Coy. A. A. S.C.	O.8.a.	
14th Coy. A. A. S. C.	O.8.a.	
26th Coy. A. A. S. C.	O.8.a.	
27th Coy. A. A. S. C.	O.8.a.	
RAILHEAD.	AILLY-SUR-SOMME.	
4th Aust. Div. M. T. Coy.	ST. SAUVEUR.	
4th Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.	DAOURS.	
4th Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Section.	I.32.—MAIN ROAD.	
4th Aust. Div. Reinforcement Staging Depot.	RIVERY Hospice.	
13th A. L. H. Regt. (1 troop).	DAOURS No. 2 Rue de Verits.	
Aust. Cyclist Bn. (1 Platoon).	DAOURS No. 2 Rue de Verits.	

UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
D. A. D. O. S.	H.19.d.0.0.	
A. P. M.	FOUILLOY.	
D. A. D. V. S.	DAOURS.	
Div. Camouflage Officer.	DAOURS.	
Div. Paymaster.	DAOURS.	
Div. Claims Officer.	DAOURS.	
O. C., S. A. A. Section.	O 3.e.4.4.	
S. A. A. Dump.	O.10.a.1.1.	

ATTACHED.

10th Aust. Inf. Bde. H. Q.	Q.14.e.8.8.
16th Bde. H.H.A. H.Q.	Q.21.d.7.82.
12th Army Bde. A.F.A.	Q.7.e.3.5.
16th B.A.C.	J.25.e.9.1.
12th Aust. B.A.C.	P.6.e.0.0.

Any alterations or amendments to be notified to Divisional Headquarters as soon as possible.

(Signed) G. BALE, *Lt.*,
for Major-General,
Commanding 4th Australian Division

As at 8 a. m., 10th August, 1918.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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COPY No. 13.

ORDER No. 179.

HEADQUARTERS, 10th August, 1918.

1. The 3rd and 4th Australian Divisions will carry out an enveloping movement tonight with the object of surrounding the enemy and compelling his surrender within the area indicated.

2. *ZERO hour will be 9:30 P. M.*

3. At this hour Infantry of the 3rd Australian Division—supported by tanks and armoured cars (with headlights)—will cross our present front line on and adjacent to the WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT Road.

On reaching the cross roads at R 28 e 5 4, the column will turn northward via road through R 28 a—22 e—a, 16 e—b, thence seizing spurs in R 10 and R 3, thence connecting with Infantry of 4th Australian Division at CANAL Junction at L 33 e 2095.

4. At the same ZERO HOUR one Battalion 13th A. I. Brigade of the 4th Australian Division will move along the main CORBIE-BRAY Road through L 13 and 14 to CRUCIFIX CROSS ROADS at L 15 e 1577, thence South to L 15 e 0 0, and one Battalion along road through K 24 d 1 9—L 19 b 3 5—L 20 a 8 8 to L 15 e 0 0, then moving southwards and hold the high ground running approximately from L 15 e 0000 to L 33 a 1 1, where they will connect with tanks which will be used in this operation.

5. The routes traversed by both Divisions (paras. 3 and 4) will be held throughout and the included areas “mopped up” carefully and at leisure tomorrow.

6. The 10th and 11th Australian, F. A. Brigades—now in process of being relieved

by the 7th and 8th Aust., F. A. Brigades—will be withdrawn from present sector and moved to positions North of the SOMME (to become the RIGHT GROUP) from whence they can effectively protect the line defined in para. 4, and will be prepared to open fire if required by midnight, 10th-11th August, 1918.

7. From 9:30 P. M. to 12 midnight, the LEFT GROUP (290th and 291st Brigades R. F. A.) and the SUPERIMPOSED GROUP (5th R. H. A. Brigade, will not fire west of the line L 33 a 8615—L 21 c 7 0—L 15 a 9 3, or South of the line L 15 a 9 3—L 13 b 5 8, or west of the line L 13 b 5 8—L 7 d 3 5.

8. At 12 midnight, on night 10th-11th August, 1918, the RIGHT GROUP will assume responsibility for the Artillery defense of the line mentioned in para. 4, from the CANAL to CRUCIFIX CROSS ROADS and the LEFT GROUP from CRUCIFIX CROSS ROADS to L 13 Cent. to L 7 c 5. 2.

9. The Provisional S. O. S. Line at 12 midnight, will be:

L 33 a 8615—L 21 c 7 0—L 15 a 9 3—L 13 b 5 8—L 7 d 3 5,

and the Provisional Boundary between the RIGHT and LEFT Groups, a line running from L 15 c 1570—L 10 Central. The superimposed Group will be Superimposed over that portion of the S. O. S. line running along the Western Edge of BRAY and that portion of the S. O. S. line running East and west in squares L 14 b and 15 a.

10. The RIGHT GROUP will provide a liaison Officer with the 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade (present Headquarters—Q 7 c 3 3).

11. 4th Aust. D. A. H. Q. will remain at present at CORBIE I 35 c 6 3.

12. *ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.*

Major, Brigade-Major, 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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COPY No. 5.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 140.

HEADQUARTERS—10th August, 1918.

1. Divisional Front North of the SOMME is at present reported to be as follows:

Right face of CHIPILLY Spur from opposite MERICOURT via. K.29 Central and K.24 Central. Thence North along old Amiens Line to Main BRAY-CORBIE Road at K.18.D.8.8., thence along road, to K.17 Central.

This line is held by elements of Brigades of 58th Division up to about K.29 Central, thence by the 131st Regt. U. S. Infantry. Some American troops are also reported to have pushed out into Square L.13.

2. The 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade and one M. G. Coy. will move today to the north bank of the SOMME and prepare to carry out an operation towards BRAY.

3. The 131st Regt. U. S. Infantry will hold the present front line from Q.11.b.0.8. (where they will establish touch with the 16th Aust. Battalion, 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.), thence along high ground West of and overlooking the SOMME River to cross roads at K.24.d.2.8., thence to road at K.18.d.8.7., thence along road to K.17 Central.

This disposition is to be completed before 9 P. M. today, and completion reported to this Office by Priority wire.

The 131st Regt. U. S. Infantry will meanwhile reorganize their Battalions so far as is possible while continuing to hold the front indicated.

4. The 13th A. I. Bde., plus the 13th Aust. M. G. Coy., will assemble in Square K.23.b. and d. ready to move off at 9 P. M. today, 10th, and will cross advanced line at 9:30 P. M.

This Brigade will then move as follows:

(a) 1 Battalion along BRAY-CORBIE Road to just W. of junction of roads in L.15.c.0.0.

(b) 1 Battalion via Road from Cross Roads at K.24.d.1.9. and Square L.19.b.3.5., to L.20.a.8.8.

This Battalion will then form a front on the West bank of the SOMME to a point L.33.a.1.1. facing East, and will establish touch with the 3rd Aust. Division in L.33. and the Right Flank of the Northern Battalion of 13th A. I. Bde. at L.15.c.0.0.

N. B.: Both the Battalions mentioned in (a) and (b) above will arrange to face both ways until the EITNEHEM area has been mopped up tomorrow, 11th.

(c) One battalion with a proportion of M. G.'s and L. T. M.'s, will follow the battalion mentioned in (b), above, and will surround and mop up EITNEHEM, and the whole district enclosed between 13th A. I. Bde. troops and the 131st Regt. U. S. Infantry.

5. Tanks will be used in this operation, details will be notified later.

6. The elements of the 18th and 58th Divisions at present holding defensive positions South of the BRAY-CORBIE Road will remain in position as defensive troops until further orders are issued from this Divisional H. Q. They will, however, make all arrangements for withdrawal to selected assembly positions, on receipt of orders to that effect. These should reach them by 9 p. m. tonight, 10/11th, August.

7. The 4th and 12th Aust. Infantry Brigades and three (3) Machine Gun Companies will remain in position South of the SOMME, but will be prepared for relief by the 3rd Aust. Division tonight, when they will move to assembly areas, North of the SOMME; to be notified later.

8. The following recognition Signal will be used by all our troops taking part in the operation:

WHITE

Two (2) Very lights fired quickly one after the other towards the EAST.

9. S. O. S. Signal is unchanged.

10. Separate administrative and medical instructions will be issued relative to the new area North of the SOMME.

Preparations will be made to transfer from the present area to the area between the SOMME and the BRAY-CORBIE ROAD.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

SIGNED: J. T. SAVANACK,

Lieut-Colonel,

General STAFF,

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Administrative Instructions No. 1 issued under 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 140.

1. QUARTERING. Brigades will be quartered as indicated in Divisional Order No. 140 and telegram No. G. 170.

2. SUPPLIES. Railhead for 4th Aust. Div.—CORBIE.

“ “ 131st U. S. Regt. VIGNACOURT.

Refilling points:—Div. Troops—VAIRE SOUS CORBIE.

4th, 12th and 13th Bdes.—HAMELET.

Supplies for 4th Australian Division will be drawn by horse Transport and delivered to Brigade Transport Lines.

Supplies for 131st Regt. U. S. A. will be Drawn by M. T. Refilling points to be arranged, thence by Horse Transports.

3. TRANSPORT. Units will select suitable places for transport lines and report map location to Divisional Headquarters at earliest moment.

4. AMMUNITION. Divisional Ammunition Dump from 9 a. m. on 11th instant will be at J.28.e.

S. A. A. Sec. will be located at J.27.e.5.3.

5. BATTLE STORES. All Battle Stores issued to Brigades will be taken to new area.

6. WATER POINTS. Water points are located at:

I.30.a.4.5.

J.17.e.0.1.

J.26.a.7.1.

7. REINFORCEMENT STAGING DEPOT. VECQUEMONT.

8. BRIGADES NUCLEUS. 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.—O.3.a. & I.33.e.

12th Aust. Inf. Bde.—O.3.a. & c.

13th Aust. Inf. Bde.—LA NEUVILLE.

9. R. E. STORES. Divisional R. E. Dump is located at BONNAY.

10. ORDNANCE. D. A. D. O. S. will remain at present location H.19.d.0.0. Delivery will be made to Transport Lines by Motor Lorrie.

11. VETERINARY. The Mobile Vet. Sec. will remain at I.32a. con.

12. P. O. W. CAGE. CORBIE O.5.e.5.7.

13. STRAGGLERS POSTS. SAILLY LAURETTE. J.20. d.9.6. J.18. e.8.3.

14. CEMETERY. J.23. central, and J.28.d.8.6.

HEADQUARTERS,

4th Aust. Div.,

10th August, 1918.

Lieut.-Colonel,

A. A. & Q. M. G.

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DISTRIBUTION. Normal plus 131st U. S. A. Regt.

BRITISH FIELD ORDERS, covering British operations in which the 131st Infantry (American) participated.

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COPY NO. 10

175th INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 131.

Aug. 10th, 1918.

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

The situation is reported as follows:

175th Infantry Brigade hold the final objective, the old AMIENS Defense Line from K.12.d.7.8 to K.12.a.0.8. They are in touch with the 131st American Regt. on the right.

The 37th Brigade on the Left are attacking at 6 p. m. tonight to make good that portion of the AMIENS Defense Line which lies in K.6.

Sig. 36

2. BOUNDARIES, DISPOSITIONS AND RELIEFS.

The Boundaries of the 175th Infantry Bde. will be extended tonight to the Blue lines shown on Map attached. This will involve taking over a new sector both on the N. and S. between the Blue (new) and Red (original) Boundaries.

To effect this, the 5th Royal Berks will relieve the ()th Essex, 37th Brigade, in the (new) Left sector when they have captured their objective, and the 12th Londons will relieve elements of the 131st American Regt. in the new Right sector as soon as darkness permits.

The 9th Londons will continue to hold their present, the center sector.

The 8th Londons will be withdrawn to the Brickfields K.16.e.

Dispositions on completion of these reliefs will be approximately as shown on attached map or tracing.

3. CONSOLIDATION.

The task of all Battalions tonight will be the consolidation in depth of their sectors.

The front line will be held as a series of posts (Platoon or section) well dug in and wired. A rough sketch showing dispositions by platoons will be forwarded as soon as possible.

4. PATROLLING.

Patrolling must be actively carried on so as to ascertain the present line held by the enemy.

5. R. E. MATERIAL.

Two supply tanks are bringing up the material tonight to K.11.d.8.4. (at cross roads).

The 9th Battalion will detail a party of 10 men to unload the tanks, meeting them at the cross roads at 11 p. m.

6. DUMP.

A dump containing:

100,000 rounds S. A. A.

500 " V. P. A.

1,000 No. 23 Grenades.

250 L. G. Drums, some filled.

S. A. A. for M. G's.

is established at K.21.e.5.6, and arrangements are being made to establish a forward dump at the cross roads K.17. central.

7. MACHINE GUNS.

Dispositions will be as per verbal orders given to the O. C. Company.

Liaison Officers or N. C. O's. must be sent to Batta. H. Q. from Group of M. G's. in the Battalion Sector concerned.

8. COMPLETION OF RELIEFS.

Completion of reliefs referred to in para. 2 will be reported to these H. Q. by wiring the code-word "VAUX."

Situation reports will be rendered every two hours from 10 p. m. onwards.

9. S. O. S.

S. O. S. line is along road running through K.7.e.a., K.6.b. & d.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued through Signals at 9:15 p. m., 8-10-18.

Signed: P. BARTLETT,
Captain,
Brigade Major,
175th Infantry Bde.

III CORPS

No. G. O. 1382.

August 11th, 1918.

As a result of the operations, which commenced on the 8th inst. the troops of the III corps, in spite of obstinate resistance and notwithstanding the difficulties caused by the enemy's attack with a fresh Division on the 6th instant, have advanced their line on a front of three miles to a depth of over three miles, and captured more than fifty guns and over three thousand (3,000) prisoners. These were taken from 34 Battalions belonging to six different Divisions.

The Corps Commander wishes to express his thanks to all ranks concerned and congratulated them on the success which has crowned their efforts.

.....
Brigadier General,
General Staff,
 III Corps.

Headquarters III CORPS,
 August 11th, 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

11th, August, 1918.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS—SERIES 'B'—No. 4.

LIAISON FORCE.

1. A force to be known as the "Liaison Force" will be constituted with the object of carrying on the battle north of the river SOMME and affecting a liaison between Australian Corps South of the river and the III Corps.

2. The force will be commanded by Brigadier General E. A. WISDOM, C. B., C. M. G., D. S. O.

The following staff is allotted:

G. S. O. II.	Major R. G. CASEY, D. S. O., M. C. Australian Corps.
General Staff Duties.	Capt. E. T. BAZELEY, M. C., Attached 6th Bde. H. Q.
For duties as G. S. O. III.	Lieut. G. F. PRIESTLEY, 1st Aust. Div. H. Q.
Intelligence Officer.	Lieut. W. BROISSOIS, 18th Bn.
Staff Captain.	Capt. R. V. SPIER, Aust. Corps H. Q.
Assistant Staff Captain.	Capt. C. ABEY, 1st Aust. Div. Train.
A. P. M. Duties.	Lieut. R. PENNA, Australian Provost Corps.
Orderly Officer to G. O. C.	To be detailed by 2nd Aust. Div.
Acting D. A. D. M. S.	Major T. C. C. EVANS, D. S. O. 13th Field Ambulance.

3. The force will be composed as follows:

LIGHT HORSE. 1 Troop 13th Australian Light Horse.

ARTILLERY. (Under the command of C. R. A. 58th Division.)

58th Divisional Artillery. Now North of SOMME under 4th Australian Division.

16th Brigade Royal Horse Art (13 pdr).

INFANTRY.

13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

131st American Regiment.

MACHINE GUN UNITS.

1 Coy 4th Australian M. G. Battalion.

124th American Machine Gun Battalion.

The following auxiliary troops will be detailed by the 4th Australian Division:

1 Company 4th Australian Divisional Train:

1 Company Field Engineers:

Instructions for the detailing of the necessary medical units will be issued by the DD.M.S.

4. SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS. A Headquarters Signal Section will be organized forthwith under Capt. F. TINKLER, M. C., 2nd Div. Signal Company who will report to A. D. Signals as early as possible on 11th instant.

One Cable Section is being provided by Fourth Army.

5. A. P. M. Australian Corps, will detail ten (10) Military Police.

Brigadier General WISDOM will arrange for a similar number to be detailed from 131st American Regiment.

6. Headquarters of the "Liaison Force" will be constituted forthwith and will receive instructions direct from Australian Corps Headquarters.

7. The 132nd American Regiment will replace 13th Australian Brigade in 4th Australian Division. It arrives in Australian Corps Area on 11th instant and will come under the orders of 4th Australian Division on arrival.

It will be quartered in Squares J.22 and J.28. Headquarters dugout Square J.22.d.1.2. until it marches to 4th Australian Division area.

8. The 13th Brigade will deal direct with 4th Australian Division and 131st American Regiment with 66th American Brigade on all questions connected with personnel except discipline and Honors and awards.

9. Detailed instructions for the completion of the organization will be issued later.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

SIGNED F. A. BLAMEY,
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

SECRET

Copy No.

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

A. A. M. C. ORDER No. 102.

MAP REFERENCE.—SHEET 62D, 1/40,000.

A Special Liaison Force is being organized with the object of carrying on the Battle North of the SOMME, and effecting liaison between the Australian Corps and III BRITISH CORPS.

In accordance with Battle Instructions series B. No. 1, 4th Australian Division (D. D. M. S. Aust. Corps M-238, of 11-8-18) Major T. C. C. EVANS DSO 13th Australian Field Ambulance reported to Headquarters Liaison Force at 6.00 p. m. 11-8-18 as A. D. A. D. M. S.

1. The 13th Australian Field Ambulance is detached from the 4th Australian Division and will take over the A. D. S. SAILLY-LAURETTE (J.36.d.8.3.), and Forward Posts from 4th Australian Field Ambulance by 2:00 p. m. 12-8-1918.

Details of relief to be arranged between Commanders concerned; completion be-

ing notified to this Office. Receipts for Stores handed over will be forwarded to this office by O. C. 4th Aust. Field Ambulance.

In accordance with arrangements made with A. D. D. M. S. Liaison Force, one Tent Sub-division of 13th Aust. Field Ambulance will remain at M. D. S. FOUILLOY.

2. On Relief the 4th Australian Field Ambulance will move under orders of 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. and be billeted by them.

3. The Horse and Motor Transport of the 4th and 12th Aust. Field Ambulances will report back to their respective Units by 2:00 p. m. 12th August.

Capt. J T. Jones M. C. will return to duty with 12th Aust. Field Ambulance at N.4.e.9.2.

4. No. 34 Dental Unit will move with 13th Aust. Field Ambulance.

5. Field Ambulances ACKNOWLEDGE.

11-8-1918.—10:45 p. m.

SIGNED. KENNETH SMITH,
Colonel,
A. D. M. S. 4th Australian Division.

SECRET

Copy No.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters, 11th August, 1918.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS Series "B" No. 1.

LIAISON FORCE.

1. (a) A force to be known as the "Liaison Force" is being organized with the object of carrying on the Battle North of the River SOMME, and effecting a liaison between AUST. Corps, South of the River, and the III Corps.

(b) This force is to be Commanded by Brigadier General E. A. WISDOM, C. B., C. M. G., D. S. O.

2. The following Staff will be provided by this Division:

Acting D. A. D. M. S.—Major T C. C. EVANS, D. S. O., 13th Aust. Field Ambulance.

3. The force is to be composed as follows:

Light Horse. 1 Troop 13th Aust. Light Horse.

Artillery. (Under the Command of C. R. A. 58th Division.)

58th Divisional Artillery, 16th Brigade R. H. A.

Now North of the SOMME under 4th Australian Division.

Infantry. 13th Aust. Infantry Bde. 131st American REGT.

Machine GUN UNITS. 13th Aust. M. G. Coy. 124th American M. G. Bn.

The following auxiliary troops will be detailed by the 4th Aust. Division.

13th Aust. Field Company.

27th Coy. A. A. S. C.

Medical Units in accordance with further instructions, which will be issued by the A. D. M. S.

4. SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS.

A headquarters Signal Section is being formed for which the following personnel will be provided by 4th Aust. Divisional Signal Company:

1 Switch Board Operator

1 Telegraph Operator.

1 Dispatch Rider with Motor Cycle.

The personnel detailed by other Divisions to make up this Section, together with that detailed above, will report to O. C. 4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy. today and will be instructed to report to Liaison Force H. Q. at VAUX by 6 p. m. today, 11th.

5. The 132nd American Regt. will replace the 13th A. I. Bde. in the 4th Aust. Division, reporting to this H. Q. on arrival.

It will be quartered in Squares J.22 & 28. H. Q. dugout in Square J.22.D.1.2., until it moves to 4th Aust. Divisional Area.

6. The 13th A. I. Bde. will deal direct with 4th Aust. Division in all questions connected with personnel except discipline and honours and awards.

7. Date and time at which command will pass will be notified later.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. LAVARAİK,
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
4th Australian Division.

LIAISON FORCE HEADQUARTERS, 11th, August, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM NO. 1.
LIAISON FORCE.

1. The Liaison Force as constituted vide Australian Corps Battle Instructions, Series "B" No. 4, is composed as under:

COMMANDER. Brigadier-General E. A. WISDOM, C. B. D. S. O.

13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. Brig.-Gen. S. C. E. HERRING
D. S. O.

49th Battalion. Lieut.-Colonel ARREL.

50th Battalion. Lieut.-Colonel A. G. SALLSBURG, D. S. O.

51st Battalion. Lieut.-Colonel R. CHRISTIE, D. S. O.

13th Light Trench Mortar Battery.

131st AMERICAN INFANTRY REGIMENT. Colonel J. B. SANBORN.

1st Battalion. Captain J. M. RICHMOND.

2nd Battalion. Major P. C. GALE.

3rd Battalion. Major F. M. ALLEN.

ARTILLERY.

58th Divi. Artillery. Brig. General MAXWELL.

290th Brigade, R. F. A.

291st Brigade, R. F. A.

5th Brigade, R. H. A., Lieut.-Colonel WEST.

MACHINE GUN UNITS.

124th American M. G. Battalion, Major F. F. PUTNAM.

13th Australian M. G. Company.

AUXILLARY TROOPS.

13th Australian Field Ambulance.

130th American Provisional Ambulance Company.

13th Field Company A. E.

27th Company, 4th Australian Divisional Train.

1 Troop 13th Light Horse Regiment (Australian).

2. The composition of the Liaison Force Headquarters is as under:

Commander, Brig.-Genl. E. A. WISDOM, C. B. D. S. O.

G. S. O., II., Major R. G. CASEY, D. S. O. M C Aust. Corps.

General Staff Duties, Captain E. T. BAZELEY, M. C., Attached 6th Bde. H. Q.

For duties as G. S. O. III., Lieut. S. F. PRIESTLEY, 1st Aust. Div. H. Q.

Intelligence Officer, Lieut. W. BROISSOIS, 18th Bn.

Staff Captain, Captain R. V. SPIER, Aust. Corps. H. Q.

Assistant Staff Captain, Captain C. ABEY, 1st Aust. Div. Train.

Acting D. A. D. M. S., Major T. C. C. EVANS, D. S. O. 13th Aust. Field Ambulance.

O. C. Signals, Capt. F. TINKLER, M. C., 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.

A. P. M. DUTIES, Lieut. R. PENNA, Aust. Provost Corps.

Orderly Officer, to G. O. C., Lieut. GELLY.

3. Headquarters of the LIAISON FORCE will be established provisionally at VAUX-sur-SOMME.

R. G. CASEY,
*Major G. S.,
Liaison Force.*

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COPY NO. 25.

58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER No. 143.

12/8/18.

1. 175th Inf. Brigade and 2 Coys. M. G. Bn. will be relieved in the line by the 142nd Inf. Bde. (47th Div.) during night 12/13th, and on relief will proceed to Bivouacs vacated by 147th Inf. Brigade in J.24. Brigade Headquarters to VAUX-sur-SOMME.

(a) Details of relief will be arranged direct between B. Gs. C. concerned.

(b) C. R. E. O. C. Signals and A. D. M. S. will arrange details direct with C. R. E. O. C. Signals and A. D. M. S. 47th Division.

(c) Command of Sector will pass to the G. O. C. 47th Division Headquarters at HEILLY at 10 a. m. on the 13th Inst.

2. (a) 174th Inf. Brigade will move on August 12th to ROUND Wood. C.20. No restrictions as to route, but the movement will not commence before 8:30 p. m.

(b) Brigade Headquarters probably BETHENCOURT Chateau.

3. 1 Coy. M. G. Battn. now at VAUX-sur-SOMME, and 1 Coy. now attached to 174th Inf. Bde. will move to wood I.14.a and c. where they will come under orders of O. C. M. G. Battn. No restrictions as to route. Move not to commence before 8:30 p. m.

4. 173rd Inf. Bde. will remain in its present position.

5. Field Coys. R. E. and ¼ 4th Suffolks (Pioneers) will return to former bivouacs in BOIS D'ESCARDONNEUSE to be clear of present bivouacs by 7:30 p. m. No restrictions as to route.

6. Divisional Headquarters in J.19.c. will close at 10 a. m. on the 13th inst. and reopen at the same hour at ST. GRATIEN Chateau.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

SIGNED. C. W. DAVIS,
*Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff 58th (London) Division.*

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No. G3212272

Headquarters,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION,
12th August, 1918.

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
12th " " "
13th " " "
131st American Regiment.
4th Aust. Div. Artillery.
O. R. E.
4th Aust. M. G. Bn.
4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.
4th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
A. D. M. S.

1. The 17th Division relieves the 3rd Australian Division in the line tonight, 12th, 13th instant.

2. On relief, Divisional Headquarters of 3rd Australian Division is to be established at BUSSY, and the DIVISION will be quartered in HAMEL-CERISY area.

3. Advanced Australian Corps Headquarters will be established at GLISY at 10 a. m. on the 13th Instant.

Signed. T. G. CLARK,
(Capt.) for *Lieut-Colonel*,
G. S., 4th Australian Division.

LIAISON FORCE.

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COPY NO. 30

L.F. 9

Headquarters,
12th August, 1918.

The appended list of 4 letter Station Code Calls, for Units of this Force were taken into use at Midnight, 7th, 8th, August:—

STATION CODE CALLS

Liaison Force H. Q.....	PEMI	2nd Bn.	PESO
13th Aust. Inf. Bde.....	RUVO	3rd Bn.	PEMO
13th A. I. Bde. Sig. Co.....	PEPU	124th American M. G. Bn.....	PEDO
49th Battalion.....	GOJE	1st Company	PEBO
50th Battalion	GOZE	2nd Company	PEFO
51st Battalion	GONE	3rd Company	PETO
13th A. L. T. M. Bty.....	HIQI	4th Company	PEGO
"D" Coy. 13th A. M. G. Bn.....	ZORA	13th Australian Field Ambulance..	JAJU
131st American Inf. Regt.....	PENO	13th Field Company, Aust. Engrs...	GIDO
1st Bn.	PEKO	27th Coy. 4th Aust. Div. Train....	WAFO

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58th Div. Arty. Hq.....	MUFO	291st Bde. R. F. A.....	GUWE
290th Bde. R. F. A.....	GUZE	"A" Battery	GURE
"A" Battery	GUNE	"B" Battery	GUPE
"B" Battery	GUKE	"C" Battery	GUQE
"C" Battery	GUSE	"D" Battery	GUDE
"D" Battery	GUME	5th Bde. R. H. A.....	PENE

(BALANCE OF SHEET MISSING.)

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COPY NO.....

13th AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER NO. 142.

Headquarters,
12th August, 1918.

Ref. Sheets 62 D. N.E. and S.E.

1:20,000.

1. (a) The line South of R. SOMME runs ROYART along Road to R. 7.d.1.3. thence along old AMIENS defense system to R.2.c.4.5. Patrols of 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. are now 500 yards forward of this line.

(b) Our line north of R. SOMME is shown on map attached.

2. (a) At 11 p. m. tonight 12th/13th, August the 13th, Aust. Inf. Bde. will clear the enemy from the Southern slopes of the EITNEHEM Spur and organize the position defensively.

(b) Objectives and boundaries of Battalions are shown on Map "A" issued herewith.

(c) The 51st, Battalion will "mop up" the whole of the Southern area and then establish strong posts on the low ground covering the bridges and possible crossings of the R. SOMME.

(d) 50th, Battalion will establish a strong position covering the exits of Bray and the two re-entrants in L.20.b. and d. and at zero plus 23 mins. will push out and establish post at L.20.d.8.9.

(e) 49th Battalion will advance their left flank in L.13 a. and b.

(f) 50th, and 51st, Battalions will patrol the Western Bank of R. SOMME and ensure that touch is obtained throughout and the whole area cleared of the enemy.

3. (a) The attack of 51st Battalion will be covered by a creeping barrage of 18 pdrs. moving forward at the rate of 100 yards in 2 minutes. Further particulars have been communicated to all concerned.

(b) 4.5 Hows. will fire on the area shaded in map "A" from zero to zero plus 23 mins.

(c) Heavies will fire on BRAY during the operation and also carry out a counter battery shoot.

4. Vickers guns will be pushed forward as under:

2 guns at L.33.c.1.9.

1 gun at L.20.d.8.5.

1 gun at L.20.d.8.9.

5. Password for the operation will be PERTH.

6. Bde. H.Q. will remain at K.28.d.7.3.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) E. SHONEL,

Captain.

a Brigade Major, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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COPY NO. 25

58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER NO. 144.

12th August, 1918.

1. 175th Inf. Bde. will be relieved in the line by the 142nd Inf. Bde. (47th Div.) during night 12/13th, and on relief will proceed to bivouacs vacated by 173rd Inf. Bde. in J. 18.

Brigade Hq. 175th Bde. will be notified later.

Brigade Hq. 142nd Bde. will be at J.17.b.3.7.

(a) Details of relief will be arranged direct between B.G.'s C. concerned.

(b) M. G.'s will be relieved on night 13/14th by direct arrangement O.C.M.G.

Bns.

(c) C.R.E., O.C. Signals and A.D.M.S. will arrange details direct with C.R.E., O.C. Signals and A.D.M.S. 47th Division.

(d) Command of the Sector will pass to the G.O.C. 47th Division Hq. at HEILLY at 10 a. m. on the 13th Inst.

2. (a) 174th Inf. Bde. with Coy of M.G. Battn. attached will remain in present position.

3. 173rd Inf. Bde. will move as soon as accommodation can be arranged to area J.9., J.13., J.14., J.15., with Brigade Hq. at J.13.b.5.9. and will be in Corps Reserve.

4. Field Coys. R.E. and the $\frac{1}{4}$ 4th Suffolk Pioneer Bn. will work tonight on wiring the front line under orders of 175th Inf. Bde. On completion of work, Field Coy. R.E. and $\frac{1}{4}$ 4th Suffolk Regt. will return to present billets at J.24.b.

All arrangements for work and guides will be the same as arranged for night 11/12th.

175th Inf. Bde. will provide covering parties which will be relieved by 142nd Inf. Bde. as early as possible.

5. Divisional Hq. in J.19.c. will close at 10 a. m. on the 13th inst. and reopen at the same hour at ST. GRATIEN CHATEAU.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) C. W. DAVIS,

Lieut. Colonel,

General Staff, 58th (London) Division.

Distribution as per O.O. 143 plus 142nd Inf. Bde.

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L.F.8.

LIAISON FORCE.

Headquarters,
12th August, 1918.

INTELLIGENCE INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

1. BATTALION INTELLIGENCE SECTIONS.

One German speaker and two searchers should be allotted to each Battalion for use as follows:

(A) GERMAN SPEAKER.

(i) To secure immediate identifications quickly so that identifications will reach Liaison Force Headquarters as speedily as possible of enemy units on the battle front.

(ii) To secure immediate information required by the Battalion Commander as regards enemy dispositions, assembly positions, orders for counter attack, etc.

(iii) To be in charge of the two searchers and separate important documents, orders, maps, translate and convey information of moment to the immediate Commander.

(B) TWO SEARCHERS:

The two searchers under the German speaker systematically search the battle field, enemy positions, suspected Headquarters, dead, etc., for papers, documents, maps, etc., have them packed in sand bags and sent through to Brigade or Regimental Headquarters from where they will be dispatched through the usual channels to Liaison Force Headquarters.

This personnel should carry torches, and besides rifles or revolvers, bombs are recommended as being useful for dealing with any of the enemy who may be found in dugouts.

2. DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS.

Separation of Officers N. C. O's and privates.

Care will be taken that Officers, N. C.O.'s and privates are all separated from one another as soon as possible, and are not allowed to communicate with one another.

Prisoners who have been interrogated should not be allowed to mix with those who have not yet been interrogated.

3. RESPONSIBILITY OF ESCORTS:

Infantry escorts will be responsible for the handing over of all prisoners to their respective Brigades (or for American Units Regiment) Headquarters, where a receipt will be obtained for same.

An escort working under the direction of the Staff Captain at the Brigade will take over prisoners at brigade Headquarters and conduct them to L. F. P. O. W. Cage at J 28 a. 2.5.

The evacuation of prisoners from the L.F.P.O.W. cage will be arranged direct between A.P.M. and L.F. Intelligence Officer.

4. (i) The sending back of prisoners should be carried out as quickly as possible, and several escorts should be arranged for them to be passed back without any unusual delay.

(ii) Instructions should be issued to ensure that too many men are not placed on escort duty.

(iii) In the forward area directing notices will be placed to show the route to be taken to the L.F. P.O.W. Cage.

(iv) Traffic control personnel should be conversant with the method of disposing of prisoners.

5. NOTIFICATION OF LOCATION OF CAPTURE.

It is essential that, when prisoners are sent back, information be sent with them which will show where they were captured.

Information as to the Battalion which made the capture is a useful indication.

MAJOR, G. S.

Liaison Force.

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COPY NO. 9

Headquarters,
13th August, 1918.

Reference Sheet 62 D.
Scale 1:40,000.

LIAISON FORCE ORDER NO. 1.

1. The disposition of the troops on the front held by the Liaison FORCE will be reorganized on the night 13th/14th instant, as under:

2. (a) The 131st American Infantry Regiment will take over the front from the present right boundary to point L.20.d.8.4., from the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade, during the night 13th/14th instant. The interbrigade boundary will be a line K.24.a.6.2.—L.19.a.3.1.—L.19.d.1.6.—L.20.e.4.5.—L.21.d.0.4.

(b) The 131st Regimental M.G. Coy. and the 131st Regimental Stokes Mortar Platoon will take over positions now held by the 13th M.G. Coy. and 13th L.T.M. Battery in the right sector on the same night as the infantry relief (night 13th/14th instant).

On relief, the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade and the 131st Regiment will be covered by their respective M.G. Coys. and L.T.M. Units distributed in depth.

(c) All dumps in the right sector will be taken over on relief by the 131st Regiment.

Both the 131st Regiment and the 13th Australian Infantry Bde. will take immediate steps to form forward barbed wire and screw picket dumps.

Demands will be made on C.R.E., Liaison Force, for requirements which will be sent forward as far as traffic is possible in motor lorries under Divisional arrangements.

(d) The 131st American Infantry Regiment's sector will be held in depth with one battalion in line and one in support.

(e) The remaining Battalion of the 131st Regiment will be withdrawn from its present location to quarters in the Valley in K.32 b. and K.27.e.

(f) Immediate steps will be taken to rest, refit and reorganize this battalion with the object of its possible employment as a Counter attack unit under Liaison Force orders. Demands will be made on Hdqrs. Liaison Force for all requirements to bring equipment up to establishment.

(g) A Section of 4 guns of the Regimental M.G. Coy. will be put under the command of this Battalion in view of its counter offensive employment.

(h) Officers and N.C.O.'s of this Battalion will reconnoitre all possible forward routes to the front as soon as possible after their arrival in MALARD WOOD VALLEY.

3. The 13th Australian Infantry Brigade front will be reorganized in depth in the left sector.

4. THE POLICY OF HOLDING THE FRONT WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

The present front line will be the line of resistance. Active patrolling will ensure against surprise. Companies of the front line Battalions will be distributed as far as possible in depth.

The support Battalions of both the 13th AUSTRALIAN INF. BDE. and 131st AMERICAN REGIMENT will construct and hold a line of supporting posts on the approximate line as shown in green on attached map. These posts will be connected up later if time is available.

This line will be manned by a few sentry groups during daylight, the remainder of the troops being disposed in such positions of rest close in rear as possible.

The role of the support Battalions will be primarily that of counter attack or in case of a heavy attack on our front, to hold the support line. Headquarters of these Battalions will be chosen accordingly, and the necessary reconnaissance carried out on the line being taken over.

5. All details of the reliefs and moves entailed by the above reorganization of units will be arranged mutually between Commanders of the 13th Australian Inf. Bde. and the 131st American Regiment.

6. Completion of relief will be wired to Liaison Force Headquarters by the code word RIGHT.

7. A complete disposition tracing showing the location of Companies and other Units will be forwarded to Liaison Force Headquarters as soon after the relief as possible.

8. The works policy and the order of importance in which work will be carried out will be as follows:

The 13th Australian Inf. Bde. will put out "Spicer web" wire on their front.

Tracks and shallow water on the 131st American Regiment front will be wired with barbed concertina wire, pickets being spaced not more than four yards apart.

The C.R.E. will detail an Engineer Officer to supervise and assist the 131st American Regiment in this regard.

The front line will be organized as a line of platoon posts mutually supporting and covered checkerwise by Vickers Guns: posts to be connected up later if time is available by a shallow trench for purpose of control rationing and communication.

Listening posts will be established in front of the front line.

Communication trenches will be dug where necessary.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) R. A. CASEY,
Major, G. S.
Liaison Force.

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COPY NO. 27

13th AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER NO. 143.

Brigade Headquarters,
13th August, 1918.

Reference 1:20,000, Sheet 62-D N.E.

1. (a) The front of the Liaison Force at present held by the 13th AUST. INF. BDE. is being redistributed and the Southern Sector taken over by the 131st American Regiment.

(b) The new inter-Brigade boundary is shown on trace attached.

(c) The American troops in the Left Sector are being withdrawn and will be replaced by a Coy. of 51st Battalion.

2. The 51st Battalion will be relieved in the line tonight 13th/14th August by the 1st Battalion 131st American Regiment under:

(a) The two companies of 51st Battalion in the line will be relieved by two companies 1st American Battalion.

(b) The Support Company 51st Bn., will be relieved by two Companies 1st American Battalion.

(c) H. Q. 1st American Battalion is remaining in its present position K.29.b.3.3.

3. Tonight, 13/14th, August, the Reserve Company 51st Bn., will relieve the 2nd American Bn., in Support Line from K.24.b.5.2. to K.18.b.9.9.

4. After completion of reliefs 61st Bn., will be disposed as under: H.Q. and 3 companies in bivouacs K.29.a. One Coy in trenches K.24.b.5.2 to K.18.b.9.9.

5. Details of all reliefs will be arranged between C.O.'s concerned and every possible assistance will be rendered to the American troops.

6. The platoons of L Coy., 3rd American Bn. at present detached with 50th and 51st Bns. will return to their units tonight, reporting to 3rd American Bn. H.Q. K.29.e.3.3.

7. Machine Gun and Trench Mortar reliefs will take place on the night 14th/15th August. Advance parties are being sent forward tonight and representatives of 13th M.G. Coy., and 13th L.T.M.B. will meet them at Bde. H. Q. at 8 p. m. tonight.

8. Dumps and Area Stores, Maps and all information about the Sector will be handed over by the 51st Battalion to the 1st American Battalion.

9. The telephone ground line from 51st Bn. H. Q. to the Support Coy. H.Q. at L.25.b.6.4. will be handed over to 1st American Battalion.

10. Brigade Headquarters and 49th and 50th Bns. will remain in their present positions.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) E. SHONEL,
Captain.

Issued at 8. p. m.

a/Brigade Major, 13th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

SECRET

COPY NO. 25

58th (LONDON) DIVISION ORDER NO. 145.

1. The following moves will take place on 13th August:

(a) 175th Inf. Brigade to Bois ESCARDONNEUSE.

No restrictions as to route.

Move to commence 4:30 p. m.

Brigade Headquarters—FRECHENCOURT.

(b) 174th Inf. Brigade to ROUND WOOD, C.20.

No restrictions as to route.

Move to commence at 8:30 p. m.

Brigade Headquarters—FRECHENCOURT.

(c) M.G. Coys. at present with 175th Inf. Brigade on relief and other coys. 58th Bn. M.G. C. under orders from O. C. 58th Bn. M. G. Co. to Wood in I.14.a. and c.

No restrictions as to route or time of move except:

(a) As above for Coys. with 175th Inf. Bde.

(b) That M. G. Coy. with 174th Inf. Bde. will not move before 8:30 p. m.

(d) 14th Suffolks (Pioneers) and Fd. Coys. R. E. to bivouacs in Bois ESCARDONNEUSE.

No restrictions as to route, but to be clear of bivouacs by 4 p. m.

2. Battle Surplus 175th Inf. Bde. will move to Bois ESCARDONNEUSE. by 4 p. m. tomorrow, 13th inst.

Battle Surplus 174th Inf. Bde. has already been ordered to ROUND WOOD.

Battle Surplus 173rd Inf. Bde. will rejoin its Brigade tomorrow morning, 13th Inst.

(Signed) C. W. DAVIS,
Lieut. Colonel,

General Staff 58th (London) Division.

LIAISON FORCE.

Headquarters,
13th August, 1918.

13th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

131st American Regiment.

124th American M.G. Battalion.

Attention has been drawn to the necessity of impressing on the infantry that they must light flares to show their position and thus assist the aeroplane contact patrol.

Brigades M.G. Bns. will ensure that a sufficient supply of flares is maintained in all units.

(Signed) E. T. BAZELEY, M. C.,
*Captain for Major, G. S.,
Liaison Force.*

SECRET

COPY NO. 17 & 16

13th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 144.

Brigade Headquarters,
14th August, 1918.

REFERENCE 1/20,000, Sheet 62D.N.E.

1. The 131st American Regiment is extending to the left and taking over the front as far north as the BRAY-EITNEHEM ROAD (running from CRUCIFIX L.15.e.2.7. to L.14.d.1.3.).

2. (a) The 50th Battalion and all troops of 49th, Battalion south of the BRAY-EITNEHEM Road will be relieved tonight by a company of 1st American Bn.

(b) For purposes of relief the troops of 49th Battalion being relieved will be placed under command of 50th Battalion and the Company Commander of Right Company, 49th Battalion, will report for instructions to Left Company, 50th Battalion.

(c) Headquarters 50th Battalion will remain in present position and after relief all companies 50th Battalion, will bivouac in that vicinity.

(d) Troops of 49th Battalion after relief will move to trenches in K.18.b.&d

(e) Details of reliefs will be arranged by C.O.'s concerned.

3. Dumps, Area Stores, Maps, etc., will be handed over to incoming troops.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Signed) E. SHONEL,
Captain.

Acting Brigade Major, 13th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 6. p. m.

SECRET

COPY NO. 15

14th Aug., 1918.

51st INFANTRY BRIGADE PROVISIONAL DEFENSE SCHEME.

1. The Brigade and Battalion Boundaries are shown on attached map "A."

2. The Divisional Front is held by 2 Brigades in the line, with 1 Bde. in Divisional Reserve.

3. The Brigade Front is covered by 78th and 79th Bdes. R.F.A. (Left Group). Detailed Artillery arrangements are shown in Appendix "B."

4. "B" Coy. 17th Bn. M. G. C. is attached to the Brigade; their machine gun dispositions are shown on map "A."

One other M. G. Coy. is disposed on the general line R.2. to R.26. with the object

of sweeping the ridge east of PROYART with direct fire, and at the same time giving overhead fire into the valleys leading to this ridge from the East.

Detailed machine gun arrangements are shown in Appendix "C."

5. The locations and areas of fire of 6 guns of the 51st L.T.M. Battery are shown on map "A."

The remaining 2 guns are placed under the orders of O. C. Left Forward Battalion to use as he thinks fit.

6. The normal distribution of troops in the Brigade Area is shown on Map "A."

7. Map "A" shows the defenses to be maintained in the Brigade Area:

(i) The BLUE (Observation) Line will be held by mutually supporting platoon Posts. This line has as its object the denial to the enemy of observation from the ridge immediately East of PROYART. Patrolling in advance of this line will be very active by night, both in order to obviate surprise attacks on the observation line, and to obtain early warning of enemy concentrations with a view to attack.

(ii) The RED Line and the Area between it and the BROWN Line will be held by platoons, half-companies or companies, disposed in mutually supporting defended localities.

The area back to but excluding the BROWN Line will be held by 2 Battalions and constitute the ADVANCE ZONE, the objects of which will be:

(a) To frustrate minor attacks and raids.

(b) To break up serious attacks.

(iii) The area between the BROWN Line (inclusive) and the trenches Q.6. and Q.18. (inclusive) will constitute the MAIN ZONE, which will be maintained at all costs in the event of serious attack and penetration of the Brigade Forward Defenses.

This area will be held by a system of mutually supporting localities distributed in depth.

The normal garrisons of this Area will be:

(a) The Reserve Battalion of this Brigade.

(b) One Battalion of the Reserve Brigade. This Battalion will be accommodated in trenches on the western slopes of the ridge West of PROYART.

8. The policy for the present is to be purely defensive, consequently, consolidation will be pushed on vigorously.

The Brigade will be responsible for all defense work back to but excluding the BROWN Line.

One section Field Coy. R.E. is attached to the Brigade, and one half of this section is allotted to each of the Forward Battalions.

9. *In case of minor attack* the two Battalions in the Advance Zone will be reinforced as required under Brigade arrangements by the Battalion in the Main Zone. If any portion of this Battalion moves forward it must be replaced by troops of the reserve Brigade.

In case of serious attack troops in the Advance Zone will maintain their positions and break up the attack. The Battalion in the Main Zone will not be employed forward of the latter Zone, but will assist in breaking up the attack and facilitate counter attack by troops of the Reserve Brigade.

The Reserve Brigade (Less Garrisons allotted to tactical localities) will be employed by G.O.C. Reserve Brigade on his own initiative to restore any portion of the Main Zone which may be lost.

10. S.O.S.

The S.O.S. for Australian Corps Front is, RED OVER RED OVER RED.

(Signed) A. G. ALLEN,
Captain.

SECRET

NO. B.M.917.

HEADQUARTERS 51st INF. BRIGADE.

14th Aug., 1918.

FOR INFORMATION:

7th Lincolnshire Regt.

7th Border Regt.

10th Sherwood Foresters.

17th Div. "G."

131st American Inf. Regt.

1. 7th Lincolnshire Regt. will establish a post on the North bank of the SOMME; strength of Post 1 Platoon (not less than 24 O.R.) under an Officer; Location of Post L.32.d.2.2.

2. 1st Battn. 131st American Inf. Regt. will establish a post on the low ground South of the SOMME at R.2.b.7.3.

3. The closest liaison will be kept up between the Posts of the 7th Lincolnshire Regt. on the North side of the SOMME and the post of the American Platoon on the South side of the SOMME. Both the North and the South Banks of the SOMME will be patrolled frequently from these posts during the hours of darkness. The pass-word will be "DYNAMITE."

4. The 7th Lincolnshire Regt. platoon under an Officer will proceed to Brigade H.Qrs. on receipt of this order, where guides will be provided to take them to CHIPILLY CHURCH. Guides of the 131st American Inf. Regt. will meet them there.

In addition 7th Lincolnshire Regt. will send two orderlies with the Platoon to guide the American Platoon from CHIPILLY CHURCH to Headquarters 7th Lincolnshire Regt.

5. The American Platoon will be rationed by the 7th Lincolnshire Regt., and the Lincolnshire Regt. Platoon will be rationed by the 131st American Inf. Regt. from tomorrow inclusive.

6. O.C. 7th Lincolnshire Regt. will attach 1 Sergeant and 3 Lance-Corporals to the American Platoon.

(Signed) C. G. ALLEN,

Captain,

a/Brigade Major, 51st Infantry Brigade.

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COPY NO. 10

LIAISON FORCE

HEADQUARTERS,

14th August, 1918.

Ref. Sheet 62 D.

Scale 1:40,000.

LIAISON FORCE ORDER NO. 2.

1. The 124th American M.G. Battalion is joining the Liaison Force at an early date and will be quartered in the valley in J.21.c. with Headquarters at J.21.c. CENTRAL.

2. The 124th American M.G. Battalion will be administered by the 131st American Infantry Regiment, but for tactical purposes will be held in Divisional reserve under the direct orders of G.O.C. Liaison Force.

Sig. 37

3. The probable roles in which the Battalion may be employed are as under:

(a) The defense of the second zone as shown in yellow on attached map.

The defense will be in depth within the limits of the Zone, reconnaissance, selection and marking of the actual gun positions and Headquarters on the ground will be carried out at once. A map-scale 1/20,000 will be forwarded to Liaison Force Headquarters as early as possible showing how the Battalion will be disposed with gun positions and Headquarters.

(b) The reinforcement of the front-line system.

(c) The covering of our attacking infantry by Barrage Fire.

4. Sufficient officers and other ranks will always be left with the guns to enable at least two thirds of the Battalion to be brought into action at short notice.

5. The 124th American M.G. Battalion will acknowledge.

(Signed) R. G. CASEY,
Major, G. S.,
Liaison Force.

L.F. 37

LIAISON FORCE.

Headquarters,
14th August, 1918.

131st American Infantry Regiment:

The 17th British Division on our right (7th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment on our immediate right flank, with Headquarters at R.8.c.7.8.) is extending its flank across the low ground on the South side of the SOMME to the actual river Bank, and, under instructions from Australian Corps is establishing a post on the North Bank of the river.

The low ground in 17th Division sector immediately South of the SOMME is being held by platoon posts or standing patrols.

The 131st American Infantry Regiment will establish a post on the SOUTH BANK of the SOMME, in order to ensure complete Liaison at the point of junction of 17th Division and Liaison Force.

(Signed) R. G. CASEY,
Major, G. S.,
Liaison Force.

A.D.A.387.

5th Army Bde. R.H.A.

JONES GROUP.

1. Liaison Officers will be supplied as follows:

(a) Jones Group.

H.Q. 131st Regiment American Infantry. K. 32.b.8.3.

1. Officer not below the rank of Captain.

H.Q. 3rd. Battalion American Infantry. K. 29.c.1.5.

1. Subaltern Officer.

H.Q., 50th (Right) Battn. Australian Infantry. K. 23 b 8.2.

1 Subaltern Officer.

(b) 5th Army Brigade R.H.A.

H.Q. 13th Australian Infantry Brigade. K.28.d.8.2.

1 Officer not below the rank of Captain.

H.Q. 49th. (left) Battn. Australian Infantry. K.18a5.2.

1 Subaltern Officer.

2. Tours of duty for Liaison Officers at Brigade H.Q. will be one week. For subaltern Officers it will be 48 hours, during which time they will be at the disposal of Battalion Commanders for any intelligence Liaison or F. C. O. work which may be required.

3. All Liaison Officers will bring with them the necessary signaling party and equipment, provided under Group Arrangements.

4. These duties must be taken up by 7 p. m. this evening, August 14th.

5. Acknowledge.

Major,
Brigade Major, R. A.,
58th Divisional Artillery.

14th August, 1918.

SECRET

13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. DISPOSITIONS OF UNITS.

AS AT 8 a. m. 15th AUGUST, 1918.

49TH BATTALION, FRONT LINE BATTALION.

Battalion H. Q. & R. A. F. K.18.a.8.0.

1 *Company*

H. Q. L.13.d.3.7.

Coy. in 4 posts at L.14.d.4.6.—L.14.e.8.7.—L.14.c.3.7.

L.13.d.7.7.

1 *Company*

Headquarters.

Company from L.13.d.3.3.—L.13.d.0.8.

One platoon. L.13.e.5.5.

1 *Company*

Headquarters. L.13.e.55.40.

Company in 4 posts at L.13.e.9.4.—L.13.e.95.95.—L.13.a.7.3.

1 *Company*

Headquarters. L.13.e.6.4.

Company in 4 posts at L.13.d.7.3.—L.13.d.2.3.—L.13.e.7.3.

L.13.a.5.9.

51st BATTALION, Support Battalion.

Battalion Headquarters and R. A. F. K.29.a.45.30.

1 *Company*

Headquarters. K.18.a.5.0.

Company in 7 posts from K.18.d.70.05.—K.18.b.7.2.

1 *Company* K.24.e.

2 *Companies* K.29.a.

50th BATTALION, Reserve Battalion.

Battalion Headquarters and R. A. F. K.23.b.8.2.

3 *Companies*

in banks from K.34.b.2.4.—K.34.d.0.4.

1 *Company*

at Quarries K.23.b.7.2.

13th A. L. T. H. B.

Headquarters	K.29.a.0.3.
1 Detachment	L.20.a.96.92.
1 Detachment	L.14.c.95.00.
1 Detachment	L.13.d.25.40.
13th A. I. BRIGADE TRANSPORT LINES.	
All Units	J.36.b.1.5.
13th A. I. BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.	

Bde. Headquarters REAR
Observation Post

K.28.d.7.5.
CHIPILLY.
K.29.a.85.35.

Signed.

*Lt. for Captain,
Acting Brigade Major, 13th, Aust. Inf. Bde.*

L. F. 61.

Headquarters,
15th August, 1918.

The following from Australian Corps is forwarded for your information and necessary action please:

1. It has been reported that the Germans have been dropping over our lines pamphlets containing some of the principal speeches of Mr. Ramsey Macdonald, M. P. No such pamphlets have been sent here from any source and it is thought that had any been dropped, some would have reached this office.

Will you please cause inquiry to be made on the subject?

2. Can steps be taken, please, to forward direct to this office two specimens of any new enemy propaganda which may be dropped in the area occupied by the Corps.

*Major C. S.
Liaison Force.*

SECRET

LIAISON FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

L. F. No. 68.
131st American Infantry Regiment.
C. R. A., 58th Division.

15th, August, 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Division is relieving the 17th Division in the sector immediately south of the SOMME on our right flank on night 16th, 17th instant.

2. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is relieving the 51st Brigade on our immediate flank.

Units of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade are as under:

57th Battalion, 58th Battalion, 59th Battalion, 60th Battalion, 15th A. L. T. M. Battery.

Signed. R. G. CASEY,
*Major G. S.
Liaison Force.*

7th Lincolnshire Regt.

SECRET

7th Border Regt.

10th Sherwood Foresters.

B. M. 948

51st L. T. M. Battery.

O. C. Left Group R. F. A.

“R” Coy. 17th Bn. M. G. C.

50th Inf. Bde.

131st American Inf. Regt.

17th Division “G.”

1. The 7th Lincolnshire Regt. will establish Posts as follows tonight 15, 16th:

R.3.c.5.6. 2 secs. R.3.c.8.3. 2 secs. R.9.c.9.7. 1 platoon. R.9.c.8.4. 2 secs.

2. When these posts have been established the O. C. 7th Lincolnshire Regt. will push forward 1 Platoon covered by a section and establish a platoon Post at R.9.b.25.-30., and one Platoon in a similar manner to establish a platoon Post at R.9.b.15.80.

The Posts mentioned in Para. 1 must be established by 10:30 p. m.; at 10:35 p. m. the Left group R. F. A. will put down crash on the area shown on attached tracing lasting until 10:40 p. m. at which hour the platoons mentioned in Para. 2 will move forward. The positions when gained will be immediately consolidated.

3. O. C. 10th Sherwood Foresters will establish Posts tonight 15, 16th, as follows:

R.15.d.7.0. 2 secs.

R.15.b.5.0. 1 platoon.

R.9.d.1.0. 2 secs.

4. The Posts mentioned in Paras., 1, 2, & 3 will be held by night as an Outpost line, and by day as a line of Observation. O. C. 10th, Sherwood Foresters will take particular care to establish touch with troops on both flanks.

5. The Brigade Signal Officer will communicate correct Signal time as follows:

To Left group R. F. A. at 7 p. m. at Brigade H. Qrs.

To Battalions at their H. Q. at 7:30 p. m.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. G. ALLEN,

Captain,

A. Brigade Major, 51st Infantry Brigade.

Copy to Bde. Signals.

LIAISON FORCE.

HEADQUARTERS,

15th, August, 1918.

L. F. 69.

AMENDMENT TO LOCATION OF UNITS

at 8 a. m. 16, Aug., 18.

CANCEL Location of following units:

“ARTILLERY—10th and 11th Aust. F. A. Brigades.”

Signed: C. J. BROSSOIS,

Lt. for Major G. S.,

Liaison Force.

DISTRIBUTION:

To all recipients of L. F. 62.

LIAISON FORCE.

L. Q. 26
Headquarters,
15th, August, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 1.

Sanitation in Divisional Area.

To prevent wastage from disease in the Force, every endeavor must be made to have the Area recently captured from the Enemy, cleaned up as soon as possible.

The following points need particular attention:

(i) *All dead bodies*, both men and horses, should be buried with some lime at once. There are still a number of these lying exposed on which flies are rapidly breeding.

(ii) *Latrines*. All Units must erect box seat, flyproof latrines as soon as circumstances permit. Where these are temporarily unobtainable, the deep pit latrine must be dug, and a sanitary detail must be instructed to cover all excreta several times daily.

(iii) *All food* must be kept covered to prevent the access of flies to it. Flies are largely responsible for the spreading of diarrhoea by infecting food.

(iv) *Cookhouses* must be kept scrupulously clean; all dry Refuse will be burnt where possible, otherwise buried. Slop-water must not be thrown about on the ground as this practice attracts flies to a very large extent. Grease traps will be improvised at once. Empty bully-beef tins and jam tins must be buried or first burnt out thoroughly in an incinerator and then stacked in heaps.

(v) *No water* must be used for drinking or cooking unless drawn from an authorized source, and properly chlorinated. Any wells in the captured area which seem suitable can be tested if a sample is sent to the nearest medical unit.

(vi) *Manure Dump* must be established in the vicinity of horse lines and kept covered with earth.

(vii) As there are no facilities for baths in the area, every opportunity and encouragement should be given to the troops to swim in the River as often as possible, and a clean change of clothing issued as circumstances permit.

SIGNED. R. T. SPIER,
Captain,
Staff Captain,
Liaison Force.

LIAISON FORCE.

L. F. 91.

Headquarters, 16th August, 1918.

13th Aust. Inf. Bde.
131st Amer. Inf. Regt.
124th Amer. M. G. Bn.
AQ.

1. Maps G. H. Q. require as many specimens as possible of the optical instruments used by the Germans' Flash Spotting Sections. It is thought that a fair number of such instruments have been left behind by the Germans.

2. It is specially requested that all optical instruments found in O. P.s (Church Towers, Trees, etc.) be forwarded to L. F. Headquarters.

3. Plotting boards and other documents concerning German Artillery Ranging Sections ("Artillery Mess Trupp") both Sound Ranging and Flash Spotting Sections, especially instructions ("Verschrift") for personnel are badly needed.

4. Any of the above articles or documents found should be forwarded to this office in the first instance. Arrangements will be made by Liaison Force Headquarters to collect articles too bulky to send in the usual way. Every effort will be made to see that articles and documents sent in are returned to units which found them.

Major, G. S., Liaison Force.

LIAISON FORCE.

Headquarters, 16th August, 1918.

L. F. 94.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 1.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR PREVENTION OF GAS CASUALTIES.

1. The enemy is using gas to a very considerable extent, but so far has not put down a concentration such as he has done in the past, namely at MERICOURT and VILLERS BRETONNEUX; it is probable, however, that he will put down such a concentration at any time, mainly on the Woods, Villages and Valleys in the forward part of the area.

Experience has shown that his concentrations have caused considerable casualties, principally among working and carrying parties, and among small uncontrolled groups of men. In all cases where the precautions laid down had been taken and where all parties had been organized and properly controlled, the casualties were very light.

2. The following types of bombardments have been experienced:

Prior to an Attack:

Bombardment in rear of front line with Lacrymatory and Lethal gases, but not with mustard gas.

Harassing Fire:

- (i) Concentration of from 4,000 to 15,000 shells, mixed gases including large proportion of Mustard Gas.
- (ii) In the case of villages or dugouts, a concentration of (i) with H. E. of all calibres, excepting .77.

3. In order to ensure that the minimum number of casualties result the following is suggested as essential:

Preliminary:

- (i) Constant training when out of front line in detection of gases.
- (ii) Care of the S. B. R.
- (iii) Use of the S. B. R. by night.
- (iv) Long practices in movement and working with S. B. R. adjusted by night.
- (v) Organization of units and parties in case of gas.
- (vi) Clear and definite orders for the organization of all units and parties under suitable officers or N. C. O.s in case of gas alarm.
- (vii) Reconnaissance by commanders of units and parties on arriving at new positions to determine alternative positions to move troops to in case of gas bombardment.
- (viii) Frequent Gas Station drill.

- (ix) Efficient gas proofing of dugouts and cellars.
- (x) Efficient and adequate sentries.
- (xi) Written orders for sentries.
- (xii) Proper position of sentries.

During Attack:

- (i) Rapid alarm and taking up of gas stations.
- (ii) Reconnaissance by commanders to define limits of gassed area, direction of wind, class of gas, etc.
- (iii) Decision of Commanders of Units and parties as to action in accordance to orders, viz.: whether to move or to remain.

4. If gases other than Mustard are used, troops essential to the immediate defense of the sector must not move from battle positions. If Mustard gas is used, however, support and reserve troops may safely move a short distance to a flank or forward.

5. Ration and working parties should cease their work at once, and either remain still or move to rejoin their units or to a position clear of gas in the vicinity. It should be remembered that men carry an emergency ration and that emergency dumps generally exist; these are intended to meet such a case.

6. All movements must be quiet and orderly. All parties being under control, S. B. R.s, must only be removed by order of an officer, or in case of parties the Officer or N. C. O. in charge. This applies to the removal of the eye pieces.

7. The proper method of using the anti-dimming composition should be shown to all ranks. It is usual for men to rub off with a rag; this absolutely destroys the effect. The composition should be put on with the finger, only a small quantity being used, and rubbed with the finger only until the glass is quite clear. By this method which is the only correct one, a very thin film of the composition is left on the glass.

Brig.-General, Commanding Liaison Force.

LIAISON FORCE.

L. F. 95.

Headquarters, 16th August, 1918.

131st American Infantry Regiment.

13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

As considerable hostile gas shelling may be expected on our front, the following counter measures will be taken:

1. The fact of hostile gas shelling commencing will be reported by wire or telephone at once by Battalions and other units through their Battalion F. O. O. direct to the Artillery Liaison Officer at Brigade or Regimental Headquarters.

Brigade and Regimental Artillery Liaison Officers are in direct telephonic communication with the heavy artillery Liaison Officer at Liaison Force, R. A. Headquarters. The following particulars of hostile gas shelling are required:

- Locality shelled.
- Approximate rate of fire.
- Calibre of shell.
- Direction of fire (as accurate as possible).
- Position of observer.

2. Arrangements have been made with the heavy Artillery that on receipt of the above particulars counter battery fire will be opened immediately on the group of hostile batteries which the particulars suggest are responsible for the shelling.

3. The Heavy Artillery have been asked to lay on these localities when they are not engaged in other programs, and will be in a position to open fire without delay on receipt of the above particulars.

4. The success of the scheme depends on the rapidity and accuracy of the reports telephoned through with regard to hostile gas shelling.

Major, G. S., Liaison Force.

(Aust. Corps 8/3/48.)

Australian Corps, 16th August, 1918.

LIAISON FORCE:

The following from Fourth Army is forwarded for information and guidance.

1. In connection with the use of captured Yellow cross shells in German guns, the following warning as regards the fuses should be circulated to all concerned.

2. Most of the 77 m.m. and 10.5 c.m. Howitzer and gun ammunition is fused with E.K.Z. 17 and H.Z. 17 fuses. These are issued closed with lead plugs. Before firing the lead plug is torn off by means of the wire loop attached and a small aluminum rod about 1½" in length is pushed into the hole at the nose of the fuse. The upper half of this rod (the part painted red) is left sticking out from the end of the fuse and is driven in one impact in the same way as the 106 fuse. Unless the rod is used the shell will be a "blind."

3. The rods are not usually to be found at ammunition dumps, but considerable numbers have been seen laying about in gun positions packed in small cardboard boxes.

4. Drawings of these fuses, both plugged and ready for firing, are being prepared and will be forwarded as soon as possible.

(Sgd.) J. D. ROGERS,

L.F.110:

Captain for B. G. G. S., Australian Corps.

SECRET COPY NO. 20.

15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 100.

REF: HARBONNIERS. COMBINED SHEET 1/40,000.

16th August, 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Division is relieving the 17th Division during the night 16th/17th August, 1918.

2. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 51st Infantry Brigade as follows: during the night 16th/17th inst.

MOVE.

Unit	From	To	Relieve	Headquarters at
57th Bn.	Q.18.b. and d.	Line right	10th Sherwood Foresters	Q.6.d.2-9
59th Bn.	Q.12.b.c. & d.	Line left	17th Lincolnshire Regiment	Q.6.d.2-9
60th Bn.	Q.16.c.	Support	7th Border Regiment	Now at Q.6.d.2-9 (a suitable location to be selected by Bn. Comdr.)
58th Bn.	Q.15.a.	Support	Take over support position vacated by 57th and 59th Bns. in Q.12.b.c.&d. and Q.18.b. and d.	Hq. to be selected by Bn. Comdr.
15th A. L. T. M. B.	Q.18	Line	51st L.T.M.B.	Now at Q.6.d.2-9 (a suitable location to be selected by Battery Comdr.)

3. (a) The 60th Battalion will support the 59th Battalion and the 58th Bn. will support the 57th Bn. Areas will be reconnoitred and dispositions made accordingly.
- (b) The O.C. 15th A. L. T. M. B. will make a reconnaissance and will dispose the Battery in consultation with Battalion Commanders concerned.
4. The 59th Battalion will relieve the International Post at present maintained by the Left Battalion on the River SOMME in conjunction with the 131st Regiment U. S. Army.
5. There will be no movement East of the Grid Line running North and South between Squares 12, 18, and 24 Central before 9 P. M.
6. Subject to the TERMS of this order all details of reliefs will be arranged direct between Commanding Officers concerned.
7. Transport lines of Units will be located at approx. Q.2.C. Transport will move there under orders which will be issued by the Brigade Transport Officer.
8. All Trench Stores, Maps, Aeroplane photographs and papers relating to the Sector will be taken over. Copies of Receipts will be forwarded to reach Brigade Headquarters before 12 noon on 17th inst.
9. Administrative instructions consequent upon this order will be issued separately.
10. Completion of reliefs will be wired to Brigade Headquarters in Code.
11. (a) Brigade Headquarters will close at Q.13.b.9-9 at 7 p. m. and will reopen immediately at MORCOURT, Q.16.a.4-6.
- (b) Command of the sector will pass to G.O.C. 15th A. I. Brigade on completion of relief.
12. Acknowledge.

F. R. GOLLAN,

Captain, Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

SECRET COPY NO. 17.

51ST INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 311.

16th August, 1918.

1. Seventeenth Div. (less Artillery) will be relieved in the line by the 5th Australian Div. (less Artillery) on 15th/16th and 16th/17th inst.
- Seventeenth D. A. will be relieved on the night of the 17th/18th inst.
2. Fifty-first Inf. Bde. and "B" Coy. 17th Bn. M. G. C. will be relieved by 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. and M. G. Coy. tonight in accordance with Move Table overleaf.
3. All details of relief will be arranged by C. O.'s concerned, including the relief of the Post of 7th Lincolnshire Regt. North of the River SOMME.
4. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade H. Qrs. by the code word "BRAY."
5. "B" M. G. Coy. will remain under the Command of this Brigade.
6. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
7. The Command of the Brigade Front will pass from G. O. C. 51st Inf. Bde. to G. O. C. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. on completion of relief, when Bde. H. Qrs. will close at MORCOURT and open at FOUILLOY.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. G. ALLEN,

Captain, a/Brigade Major, 51st Infantry Bde

Issued at 12 noon.

MOVE TABLE.

Date of Move—16/17th, 1918.

(To Accompany 51st Inf. Bde. Order No. 311.)

No.	Unit	From	To	On relief by	Route
1.	10th Sherwood Foresters	Front line	FOUILLOY	57th Aust. Bn.	Roads and tracks N. of Grid. Q.24. Central. —P.21. Central—thence to FOUILLOY.
2.	7th Lincoln Regt.	Front line	FOUILLOY	57th Aust. Bn.	do.
3.	7th Border Regt.	Support	FOUILLOY	58th and 60th Aust. Bns.	do.
4.	"B" Co. M. G. Bn.	Line	FOUILLOY	M. G. Co. of 15th Aust. Bde.	do.
5.	51st L.T.M.B.	Line	FOUILLOY	15th L.T.M.B.	do.
6.	51st Inf. Bde. H.Q.	MORCOURT	FOUILLOY	15th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	do.

Intervals. 200 yards between platoons.

200 yards between every 4 vehicles.

Note: All precautions will be taken against enemy gas and bombing.

SECRET COPY NO. 3.

Headquarters, 17th August, 1918

REF. SHEET 62-D. 1/40,000 S. MAP. ATTACHED.

LIAISON FORCE ORDER NO. 3.

1. Subject to weather conditions being favorable gas projectors will be discharged by "Z" Special Coy. R. E. from the vicinity of K.20.a. cent. against the south-western corner of BRAY at 3 A. M. tomorrow morning the 18th instant, in accordance with arrangements as under.

2. The objective, location of emplacement of projectors and danger zones will be as shown on map attached.

3. Troops will be moved to the flanks from within the Red shaded area on map attached from 2:50 A. M. till 3:20 A. M. on 18th instant.

Troops within the Green shaded area will wear the S. B. R. adjusted from 2:50 A. M. till 3:20 A. M. on 18th instant, or until such time as the officer in charge of the sector affected decides that the area is clear of gas.

4. Arrangements as under have been made from the transport and emplacement of projectors:

(a) Seven double limbers are being detailed by "Q" branch, Liaison Force, in charge of a mounted officer to report to 2nd Lieut. Webster (2 Special Coy. R. E.) at the Church in SAILLY LAURETTE (J.36.d.9.2.) at 7:30 P. M. tonight, 17th instant.

(b) Route for limbers will be via CHIPILLY—across CHIPILLY RIDGE by road through K.35.a.4.O.—road through K.29, central to EITNEHEM—thence along BRAY road to emplacements.

(c) Lieut. Whitfield ('L' Special Coy. R. E.) will be in charge of the actual emplacing of the dischargers and of the operations as a whole.

5. Limbers will not cross the CHIPILLY SPUR before 9:15 P. M. or later at Lieut. Webster's discretion.

6. One Hundred and Thirty-first American Infantry Regiment will detail an officer who is thoroughly conversant with the roads through EITNEHEM and the forward area to meet Lieut. Webster at the Dressing Station near K.24.c.O.O. at 9:30 P. M. This officer will accompany Lieut. Webster to the emplacement.

7. 'Z' Special Coy. R. E. will arrange to camouflage the projector positions after discharge and will ensure that all projectiles that have not been discharged are removed immediately after the operation.

8. The weather forecast is now favorable to discharge. Lieut. Whitfield. ('Z' Special Coy. R. E.) will decide on the ground from the wind conditions at the time just prior to 3 A. M. whether or not the discharge is to take place.

Lieut. Whitfield will keep close touch with the Company Commander of 3rd American Battalion, 131st American Infantry Regiment, and will inform him if the discharge is to be made or not.

The limits of direction of wind for safe discharge are from South through West to North Northwest.

9. The following code words will be used in connection with the operation:

Operation will take place—HONOLULU.

Operation CANCELLED—A. D.

Operation COMPLETED—CLUB.

10. The Heavy and Field Artillery covering the Sector will put down a three-minute concentration on BRAY, commencing at 3 A. M.

11. Watches will be synchronized by phone from Liaison Force Headquarters with 131st American Infantry Regiment and C. R. A., 58th Division, at 5 P. M. and 11 P. M. today, 17th inst. Watches will not be synchronized by phone further forward than 131st American Inf. Regiment Headquarters.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) R. G. CASEY,
Major, G. S., Liaison Force.

HEADQUARTERS, 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

17th August, 1918.

Headquarters, 5th Australian Division.

Forwarded herewith is report on an enterprise carried out this afternoon by the left (59) Battalion:

At 4:30 P. M. I visited 'C' Coy. forward post with Lieut. DUNKLEY and was returning across country when I heard rifle shots fired from the direction of 'C' Coy.'s left post about R.3.C.2-3., and saw three of our men who had been reconnoitering in the edge of LUC WOOD returning to their post. Immediately I went forward again to our post to inquire what had happened and was told by Sergeant RAINBIRD that he and two men had gone forward a hundred yards and found Germans in a dugout. The Germans 'kameraded' to them, but would not come out, so they fired down at them and then saw German heads appearing from a dugout in their rear. Sgt. Rainbird fired at one of the Germans in their rear and then the three returned to their own post. As soon as I heard what had happened I organized a raid, consisting of 7 Americans on the left flank, four men and 1 N. C. O. down

a sunken road on the right and myself and four men went down the line of dugouts. The Americans were held up on the left by machine gun fire from four different guns, two firing from LUC WOOD and two from the flat between LUC WOOD and the SOMME. My party on the right was also held up on the shallow sunken road by machine gun fire from R.3.D.4.3. I pushed forward with Sgt. Rainbird and three men, one of my four having sustained a slight wound in the neck. The first dugout I jumped into I came face to face with a "Hun" in the act of evacuating, and I made him a prisoner. My Sgt. and two men pushed forward to the next two dugouts, but found the Infantrymen running away and report having shot six. The snipers and machine guns became too hot for us, so we retired. In returning from our forward post to Company Headquarters my man who was slightly wounded was sniped through the head and killed; so far I do not know his name. The American party of 7 men had three men wounded. I was surprised to find so many machine guns active, for during the morning I had walked across country between "C" Coy. forward posts and had not been fired upon.

Signed. J. H. MCKAY,
Lieut. "C" Coy.

Brig. General, Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

LIAISON FORCE.

Headquarters, 17th August, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 2.

SALVAGE.

During the next 48 hours every effort must be made to systematically salvage the area.

The 13th A. I. Brigade will be responsible for the left Brigade sector and the 131st Regt. will be responsible for the right Brigade sector as far west as a line through K. 19, 25 and 31 central; west of this line the responsibility will rest with Liaison Force Headquarters.

The area will be cleaned from west to east by map squares. Infantry parties will be detailed off to carry out this work. Small dumps will be formed. H.2 Trucks, Limbered wagons will collect these small dumps into Battalion dumps on main traffic routes in close proximity to Battalion supply dumps.

General salvage will be loaded each day from Battalion dumps into the return ration limbers and conveyed by them to the transport lines. There the Brigade dumps will be formed. The supply wagons will each day, after delivering supplies, load up with salvage from Brigade dumps and deliver to the main Corps Dumps, which is located at railhead CORBIE. There all salvage will be handed over and a receipt obtained.

All natures of ammunition and ammunition empties will be dumped separately from general salvage and will be taken to nearest A. R. P.—K.34.c.4.0., and receipt obtained.

A daily list will be furnished to "Q" at Liaison Force Headquarters of amount returned to railhead, in order that credit may be obtained for the value of the salvage.

Captain, Staff Captain, Liaison Force.

SECRET.

IG33/764.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION LOCATION REPORT.

1st AMENDMENT.

17/8/18.

29th Battalion.	Q.14.a.8.2.
32nd Battalion.	Q.21.d.55.80.
54th Battalion.	Q.30.d.50.25.
8th M. G. Coy.	R.8.c.65.80.
14th M. G. Coy.	R.19.b.7.8.
8th Field Ambulance A. D. S.	O.26.c.6.6.
A. P. M.	FOUILLOY.
19th August, 1918.	

Lieut.-Colonel, General Staff, 5th Australian Division.

SECRET.

Ig.33/921.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION LOCATION REPORT.

2nd AMENDMENT.

17/8/18.

56th Battalion.	R.25.d.4.0.
57th Battalion.	R.1.c.6.6.
60th Battalion.	Q.6.d.1.9.
15th L. T. M. Battery.	R.1.d.30.25.
20th August, 1918.	

Lieut.-Colonel, General Staff, Australian Division.

SECRET COPY No. 5.

LIAISON FORCE.

REF. SHEET 62D. 1/40,000.

Headquarters, 18th August, 1918.

LIAISON FORCE ORDER No. 5.

1. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade (less 34th Battalion) will relieve the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade (and 34th Battalion) in the line in the left sector of the Liaison Force front tonight, 18th-19th instant.

2. (a) The 34th Battalion (9th Australian Infantry Brigade) now in line under command of G. O. C. 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will remain in its present position with Headquarters at K.18.a.9.1.

(b) The 33rd Battalion (9th Australian Infantry Brigade) is moving this afternoon to relieve the 50th Battalion (13th Australian Infantry Brigade) in support in K.17.d. and K.18.c. with Headquarters at K.23.b.8.2.

(c) The 35th Battalion will move to K.21.a. and c. into the reserve Battalion area in accordance with Liaison Force Order No. 4. 35th Battalion will be in position by 7 P. M. today.

13th Australian Infantry Brigade will report by wire that the 35th Battalion is in position in K.21.a. and c.

(d) 9th L. T. M. Battery will relieve 13th L. T. M. Battery as early as possible this evening.

3. 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will move to quarters in K.29., K.30. and K.36. vacated by 9th Australian Infantry Brigade on relief.

4. All dumps, trench and area stores, battle stores, maps, photographs and information relative to the front will be handed over on relief. Receipts will be obtained, copy of which will be forwarded to Liaison Force Headquarters as soon after relief as possible.

5. Prior to relief all troops of 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will pass temporarily under the command of G. O. C. 13th Australian Infantry Brigade on passing forward of a N. and S. line through K.20. central.

6. The reserve Battalion (51st Battalion) of the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will not move from its present position until Headquarters Liaison Force has been advised that the 35th Battalion is in position and an order is issued by G. O. C. Liaison Force for the 51st Battalion to move back.

7. Transport lines of 9th and 13th Australian Infantry Brigades will not move.

8. An Officer of the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade, who is familiar with the front will remain with G. O. C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade until 9 A. M. on 19th instant.

9. Orders with regard to relief of the 13th M. G. Coy. 13th Field Coy. and the 13th Field Ambulance will be issued later.

10. Command of the left sector will pass to G. O. C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade on completion of relief which will be wired to Liaison Force Headquarters by Code word "AGAIN."

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major, G. S., Liaison Force.

SECRET Ig33/617.

5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION LOCATION REPORT.

Anticipated as at 6 A. M., 18th August, 1918.

NOT TO BE PUT UP IN ANY PLACE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

REF. MAP SHEET 62D 1/40,000.

DIVISIONAL HQRS.	P.7.a.1.3.
5th AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY H.Q.	Q.13.a.35.80.
5th AUST. DIV. ENGINEERS H.Q.	P.7.a.1.3.
8th Field Company	P.6.d.9.3.
14th Field Company	Q.21.b.4.9.
15th Field Company	Q.21.a.9.1.
8th AUST. INF. BDE. H.Q.	Q.20.b.2.0.
29th Battalion	Q.21.d.65.80.
30th Battalion	Q.21.e.65.60.
31st Battalion	Q.20.b.70.15.
32nd Battalion	Q.14.a.8.2.
8th L. T. M. Battery	Q.20.b.1.8.
14th AUST. INF. BDE. H.Q.	Q.39.e.35.50.
53rd Battalion	R.19.e.45.25.
54th Battalion	R.31.a.20.70.
55th Battalion	R.19.d.10.55.

56th Battalion	R.26.c.2.4.	
14th L.T.M. Battery	Q.30.c.35.50.	
15th AUST. INF. BDE. H.Q.	Q.16.a.3.4.	
57th Battalion	R.1.d.6.6.	
58th Battalion	Q.18.c.9.6.	
59th Battalion	R.1.d.5.4.	
60th Battalion	Q.6.d.2.7.	
15th L.T.M. Battery	Q.6.c.9.9.	
5th AUST. M.G. BN. H.Q.	Q.16.a.4.3.	
8th M.G. Coy.	Q.16.d.6.5.	Line Left.
14th M.G. Coy	R.25.a.2.9.	Line Right.
15th M.G. Coy	Q.16.a.5.5.	Support.
25th M.G. Coy.	Q.18.a.2.3.	Reserve.
A. D. M. S.	P.7.a.1.3.	
8th Field Ambulance. A.D.S.	O.26.c.6.6.	
14th Field Ambulance. M.D.S.	P.3.c.9.2.	
15th Field Ambulance	Hospice FOUILLOY.	
No. 2 Aust. Dental Unit	BOIS de MAI.	
No. 32 Aust. Dental Unit	P.3.c.9.2.	
No. 23 Aust. Dental Unit	Espice FOUILLOY.	
No. 101 Aust. Dental Unit	5th Aust. D.A.C.	
5th AUST. DIV. TRAIN H.Q.	O.31.central.	
10th Coy. A.A.S.C.	O.30.d.8.30.	
18th Coy. A.A.S.C.	P.31.a.5.5.	
28th Coy. A.A.S.C.	P.25.c.5.5.	
29th Coy. A.A.S.C.	P.32.a.5.5.	
S.S.O.	O.31.central.	
DIVISIONAL TROOPS		
D.A.D.V.S.	P.7.5.1.3.	
5th Pioneer Battalion	Q.23.a.4.3.	
5th Mob. Vet. Section	P.9.b.7.8.	
A.P.M.	P.7.a.1.3.	
D.A.D.O.S. (Rear)	N.20.d.8.0.	
(Adv.)	O.6.d.2.5.	
Div. Paymaster	P.7.a.1.3.	
Salvage Officer	C.29.c.8.5.	
Burial Officer	P.7.a.1.3.	
Gas Officer	P.7.a.1.3.	
Claims Officer	P.7.a.1.3.	
Bomb Officer	Q.20.b.4.8.	
ATTACHED TROOPS		
French Mission	P.7.a.1.3.	
5th A.D.R.	PERNOIS.	
Railheads	VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	
Ammunition Railhead	VECQUEMONT.	
Nucleus	BOIS de MAI.	

Lieut.-Colonel, General Staff, 5th Australian Division.

17th August, 1918.

NOTE—All alterations and amendments should be notified to Divisional Headquarters as soon as possible.

LIAISON FORCES.

Headquarters, 18th August, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 1.

1. *Area.* The Liaison Force area extends East from Grid line J.22.0.7. to J.22.a.0.4., bounded on the North by the BRAY-CORBIE Road as far as K.17., cent., then to L.13.a.0.7. to L.13.b.0.8., then to L. 8. cent., and on the South by the River SOMME.

2. *Supplies.* Supplies are drawn by Train Transport from CORBIE Railhead through S. S. O. 1st Australian Division and delivered to Q. M. Stores.

3. *Water Supply.* Table showing water supply in area Appendix "A" is attached. Great care must be taken to insure that all water is tested before use. Samples should be sent to the nearest medical unit to be tested.

4. *Ammunition.* All units will keep Echelons full. Ammunition will be delivered by M. T. to the Liaison Force Ammunition dump J.28.c.5.7. and from there to Brigade and Regimental Dumps J.36.b.1.5. and K.32.b.5.2. by S. A. A. section.

The Liaison Force Ammunition Dump is connected by telephone and in charge of Lieut. LONG, on whom demand will be made direct.

5. *Veterinary.* Nearest mobile Veterinary Section is 4th Australian M. V. S., located at I.32 (Main road), through which all horses will be evacuated.

6. *Transport Lines.* Transport Lines will be located on sites that will be tenable during the winter. Steps will be taken to erect protective barricades, detailed instructions for which will be issued later.

7. *Salvage.* Details of salvage system to be adopted have been issued in Administrative Instruction No. 2. The salvage of all stores in the area is of great importance and every effort must be made by all to assist.

8. *Sanitation.* Attention is drawn to Administrative Instruction No. 1.

9. *Burials.* The nearest Artillery Burial ground is at J.36.c.8.8., adjoining the Cemetery at SAILLY-LAURETTE. Graves are to be at least 300 yards distance from the nearest residence.

10. *Baths.* Clean clothes to replace dirty clothes are available and will be issued on demand to "Q" Liaison Force. Pending the installation of baths in the area full advantage should be taken of the proximity of the river.

11. *Trench Stores.* All trench stores in the area will be checked and records kept at Brigade and Regimental Headquarters, and handing over and taking over receipts obtained on reliefs, one copy of same will be sent to Liaison Force Headquarters within 48 hours of taking over.

12. *Iron Rations.* Same instructions will apply as in the case of Trench Stores.

13. *Traffic.* Traffic Posts have been established at the following points:

Sanitary Traffic Control Posts—J.28.c.8.6.

J.28.d.8.5.

J.28.c.1.2.

Q. 4.a.5.2.

Straggler Collecting Station—K.31.c.1.2.

Mounted Traffic Patrol—from J.28.d.8.5. to Q.4.a.5.2.

Battle Straggler Mounted Patrol, from K.31.c.1.2 to J.18.d.6.1.

Liaison Force Prisoners of War Cage is located at J.28.a.cent.

14. *Roads.* As shown in appendix "C" of Liaison Force Provisional defense scheme.

15. *Medical Arrangements.* As shown in appendix "D" of Liaison Force Provisional defense scheme.

16. *R. E. Stores.* Corps advance Dump is located at FOUILLOY.
13th Field Coy. Dump at K.34.e.7.4.

17. *Ordnance.* Ordnance requirements will be supplied by D. A. D. O. S. 4th Australian Division, located at K.34.a.6.4., to whom demands will be made direct, except in the case of the Americans who will demand through "Q" Liaison Force.

Captain, Staff Captain, Liaison Force.

SECRET

COPY No. 25.

Australian Corps, 18th August, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 160.

1. The 66th American Brigade will be withdrawn from the Australian Corps and will concentrate in the QLLONFILLE CAMON area preparatory to entraining on the 23rd instant.

2. Consequent on the above the following reliefs and moves will take place:

Night 18th/19th August. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade in the Liaison Force sector; the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade coming under the orders of the Liaison Force from 6 P. M. on 18th inst., for this purpose.

Night 19th/20th August. (i) The 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will embuss in the vicinity of SAILLY le Sec. and rejoin the 4th Australian Division, relieving the 132nd American Regiment.

132nd American Regiment on relief will embuse just west of HARBONNIERES and will move to the CAMON area, where they will come under the orders of the 66th American Brigade.

(ii) The 3rd Australian Division will relieve the 131st American Regiment and 124th M. G. Battalion in Liaison Force sector. On relief 131st American Regiment and 124th Machine Gun Battalion will move to the GAILLY area, SAILLY le SEC. locality remaining under the orders of the Liaison Force.

Day 20th August. 3rd Australian Division will take over from the Liaison Force north of the SOMME at 10 A. M., boundaries as at present existing.

On relief the personnel forming the Liaison Force Headquarters will rejoin their units.

Night 20th/21st August. The 131st American Regiment and 124th M. G. Battalion will move to the AUBIGNY area and on arrival there will come under the orders of 66th American Brigade.

Night 21st/22nd August. 131st American Regiment will move to the POULAINVILLE area.

3. Administrative instructions will be issued separately.

4. Subject to the above, arrangements for the relief will be made direct between the G.O.s.C. Liaison Force and 3rd Australian Division.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Brigadier General, General Staff, Australian Corps.

SECRET COPY NO. 23.

REF. SHEET 62D. 1/40,000.

Headquarters, 19th August, 1918.

LIAISON FORCE ORDER NO. 6.

1. The Liaison Force is being relieved in the line in the left sector of the Australian Corps front by the 3rd Australian Division on 20th inst.
2. The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade (and a Company of the 3rd Australian M. G. Bn.) will relieve the 131st American Infantry Regiment in the right sector of the Liaison Force front on the night 19th/20th August.
3. The 131st American Infantry Regiment on relief will move to quarters vacated by the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade in the GAILLY area and will proceed by march route to the AUBIGNY area on 20th inst. under orders to be issued by the 3rd Australian Division.
4. The 131st American Infantry Regiment will hand over to 11th Inf. Brigade all dumps, trench area and battle stores, maps, defense schemes and photos, and local information. Receipts will be obtained and copies forwarded to the Liaison Force Headquarters by 10 A. M. on 20th inst.
5. Subject to this order all details of relief will be arranged mutually between the G.O.C. 11th Australian Infantry Brigade and the Colonel Commanding the 131st American Infantry Regt.
6. Completion of relief will be wired to LIAISON FORCE headquarters by the code word "FINISH."
7. On arrival in the GAILLY area all Australian personnel attached to the 131st American Infantry Regiment will rendezvous on the 20th inst., under arrangements to be made by 131st American Inf. Regt. Two motor lorries will report at 10 A. M. on 20th inst. to Headquarters 131st American Infantry Regiment at P.11. b.9.1., near HAMEL, for moving this party to their respective Headquarters.

Personnel of 3rd Australian Division will not move by lorry but will report to Headquarters 3rd Australian Division at J.28.b.o.3. on morning of 20th inst. Location list showing Headquarters of all Australian Formation will be forwarded to 131st American Infantry Regiment on the 19th inst.
8. Relief of medical unit will be carried out under instructions to be issued by A.D.M.S. Liaison Force.

Arrangements will be made to relieve the 129th American Ambulance Company by 12 noon on 20th inst.
9. The Field Coy. A. E., affiliated to the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade, will move into Liaison Force area under arrangements to be made between C. R. E. concerned.
10. Third Australian Division on taking over from the Liaison Force will issue orders for the move to the AUBIGNY area of the 131st American Infantry Regiment group composed and located as follows:

131st American Inf. Regt.....H.Q. P.10.b.9.1.

124th American M. G. Battalion.....H.Q. J. 21.e.2.2.

129th American Ambulance Coy.....H.Q. I,30.b.3.5.
11. (a) The 13th Australian Infantry Brigade Group (13th Aust. Inf. Brigade, 13th M. G. Coy. and 13th Field Coy.) will move from the SAILLY area to the HARBONNIERES area on 19th inst., by motor transport and will revert to the command of G.O.C. 4th Australian Division on arrival.

(b) Two motor lorries will report at the church in SAILLY-LE-SEC at 10 A. M. to convey advance parties of 13th Australian Infantry Brigade group to HARBONNIERES. Route via CORBIE-VILLERS BRETONNEUX, WARFUSEE, ABALCOURT advance parties on arrival at HARBONNIERES will report to Headquarters 132nd American Infantry Regiment at W.19.d.7.4. just S.E. of the village for information regarding the area.

(c) Embussing arrangements for 13th Australian Infantry Brigade Group are as follows:

Busses will be in position on the HAMEL-VAIRE road leading N.W. at 6:45 P.M. on 19th inst. with head of column at road junction J.32.d.8.3. Route for busses—HAMELET, FOUILLOY—road junction O.22.a.7.6. VILLERS BRETONNEUX, WARFUSEE, BAYONVILLERS, HARBONNIERES.

Busses will not move off before 7:30 p. m. and will not pass WARFUSEE before 8:45 P. M. The debussing points will be the BAYONVILLERS, HARBONNIERS road in W.11.a.

(d) Transport of 13th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will proceed by road to HARBONNIERES on afternoon of 19th inst.

Distance of 500 yards will be maintained between transport of units. No restrictions are imposed as to routes.

(e) The 13th Australian Field Ambulance will rejoin 4th Australian Division under arrangements to be made between A.D.M.S. concerned.

12. The Troop of the 13th Australian Light Horse Regiment and the detachment of Cyclists will be attached to 3rd Australian Division from 10 P. M. on 20th inst.

13. G.O.C. Liaison Forces will hand over command of front and area to G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division at 10 P. M. on 20th inst.

14. On relief the personnel forming the Liaison Force Headquarters will rejoin their units.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major, G. S., Liaison Force.

LIAISON FORCE.

Headquarters, 19th August, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 2.

1. The LIAISON FORCE will be relieved by the 3rd Australian Division at 10 A.M. on 20th August in "D" area.

2. The responsibility for traffic control in the area East of the HAMELET area between the River SOMME on the south and the Corps northern boundary will pass to 3rd Australian Division.

3. A labor Party of 20 men engaged on clearing the area will be transferred from Liaison Force to 3rd Australian Division.

The Troops of 13th A. L. H. and the detachment of Cyclists with the Liaison Force will be transferred to the 3rd Australian Division. The Liaison personnel attached to the 131st American Regt. will return to their units in accordance with instructions embodied in Liaison Force Order No. 6.

4. The Motor Water Lorry, Sterilizer, Area and Trench Stores (including tents and trench shelters) will be handed over to the 3rd Australian Division.

5. The Liaison Force on relief will be disbanded and the personnel not transferred to the 3rd Australian Division will report back to their respective units.

6. An Order for the move of Headquarters, LIAISON FORCE WILL BE ISSUED BY THE CAMP Commandant.

Captain, Staff Captain, Liaison Force.

SECRET COPY NO. 13.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 52.

19th August, 1918.

1. The 9th Aust. Inf. Bde will take over the whole of the forward area now occupied by the Liaison Force relieving with the 35th Battalion the 3rd Battalion of the 131st American Infantry in the front line tonight.

2. One Company 3rd Australian Pioneer Battalion will be attached to 34th Battalion for duty in the line as an extra Company for today onwards.

3. Subsequent to relief tonight the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be disposed with two Battalions in the front line and one Battalion in reserve in the vicinity of K.17.d. and K.18.a.e. and d, as follows:

35th Battalion Line right

34th Battalion Line left

33rd Battalion Reserve.

4. Eleventh Aust. Inf. Bde. will be in support with "A" Battalion in the vicinity of K,23, and 24, "B" Battalion K,34, "C" Battalion K, 26, and K,31, and "D" Battalion J,24, and 30. This move will be completed before dawn on the 20th August.

5. Ninth A. L. T. M. Battery will be disposed with three mortars in Right Battalion area. Three mortars in Left Battalion area and two in reserve.

Major, Brigade Major, 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

CHAPTER XVII

MESSAGES SENT AND RECEIVED.

August 7th, 1918, to November 11th, 1919.

AUGUST 7th, 1918.

Hour—21:50. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—58th Div. Hq. Message—131st Inf. Regt. placed under Orders of 58th Eng. Div. will march by HEILLY J20a6.1, thence CORBIE-BRAY RD b 5.1 and d 7.2 then form up facing E. Left at J18d7.2 Right at J24d8.5. Regt. Condr. will come to 58th Eng. Div. H.Q. at once.

AUGUST 8th, 1918.

Hour—9:45. Sent to C.G. 33rd Div. From C.O. 1st Bn. C 6 b 0.0. Message—Heavy fog lifted, making observations good.

Hour—11:58. Sent to—C.O. 131st Inf. From—3rd Corps. Message—In continuation G-648. Remaining Bn. of 175 Inf. Bde. and 2 Sects 58th (Eng.) Div. Mach. Guns will march to BONNAY Church, meeting guides of 18th Div. 175 Inf. Bde. less Bn. employed at SAILLY LAURETTE is placed as disposal of 18th Div. for protection of their left flank. GOC. 175 Bde. will report forthwith to GOC. 18th Div. at HEILLY. Squadron of mounted Hussars in Corps Res. will move forthwith to BOIS ES-CARDONNEUSE. An officer from the Squadron will await orders from Corps at 58th Div. near Hq. at QUERRIEU. The two Bns. of 37th Bde. in Divl. Res. at FRANVILERS are placed in Corps Res. & will be ready to move at half-hour's notice. The 131 Regt. 33 Am. Div. will be ready to move at 1 hour's notice. Acknowledge.

Hour—12:15. Sent to—Adj. 131st Inf., PIERREGOT, C.O. 131st Inf., BAIZIEUX. From Adj. 66th Bde. PIERREGOT. Message—Div. Comdr. directs that 131st Inf. be ready to move on one hour's notice. Notice received at 12:10 a. m. We are trying to reach Col. Sanborn at Regt. P.C.

Hour—12:25. Sent to—C.O. 131st Inf., BAIZIEUX, ST. LAWRENCE Farm. From—Adj. 66th Bde. PIERREGOT. Message—At 12:10 p. m. today the Div. Comdr. ordered the 131st Inf. to be ready to move on one hour's notice C.O. 1 & 2 Bn. Read.

Hour—13:20. Sent to—Lt. Col. at PIERREGOT. From—C.O. 131st Regt., BAIZIEUX. Message—Orders 33rd Div. are to be ready to move in an hour's notice. If you have not received same confer with Bde. Comdr.

Hour—13:20. Sent to—Adj. 66th Bde., PIERREGOT. From—C.O. 131st Inf., BAIZIEUX. Message—Your message HYH2 received. Will be ready to move as noted.

Hour—16:40. Sent to—Lt. Col. 131st Inf., PIERREGOT. From C.O. 131st Regt., BAIZIEUX. Message—Move 3rd Bn. to FRANVILLERS, M. G. Co. to same place early tomorrow. R.H.Q. moving tonight to HEILLY, send copy of this message to Bde. Commr. Acknowledge. Send Hq. Co. to HEILLY.

Hour—17:00. Sent to—C.O. 1st Bn., LAWRENCE FARM. From—C.O. 131st Regt., BAIZIEUX. Message—Move by covered route to trenches in D 25 and 26 north of HEILLY. Notify me at Reg. Hq. HEILLY immediately on arrival.

Hour—17:02. Sent to—C.O. 2nd Bn. From—C.O. 131st Regt., BAIZIEUX. Message—Move at 6 p. m. to valley N.W. of HEILLY J 1 a and I 6 b notify arrival to R.H.Q. HEILLY.

Hour—19:35. Sent to—C.O. 131st Regt., HEILLY. From—C.O. 2nd Bn. Message—Arrived at destination 7:10 p. m. will send Bn. Hq. soon as located. Now at J 1 a 0.0.

Hour—20:20. Sent to—C.O. 1st Bn. From—C.O. 131st Regt., HEILLY. Message—Send a runner with bearer and report arrival, also a couple of runners for my use tonight.

Hour—20:40. Sent to—C.O. 131st Regt., HEILLY. From—C.O. 1st Bn. D-26c 3.7. Message—Bn. in position B. Co. D-26d 5.7 to D-26d 0.8 A. Co. D-26d 0.8 to D-26a 0.4 C.Co. D-26a 0.4 to D25 b 0.8 D.Co. D25 d 5.4 to D-26c 9.6.

Hour—20:42. Sent to—O.C. III Corps. From—C.O. 131st Regt., HEILLY. Message—Hq. 131st established HEILLY, 1 Bn. in position D-25 & 26, 1 Bn. N.W. of HEILLY J 1 a & I 6 b 3rd Bn. will arrive late tonight at FRANVILLERS. M. G. Co. arrive tomorrow.

Hour—21:10. Sent to C.O. 131st Regt. From—C.O. 2nd Bn. J. 1 a 5.0. Message—No place here available for H.Q.Co. three-fourths of this Bn. are under shelter tents on side of hill will advise C.O. Hq. Co. and direct them to a place in the immediate vicinity.

Hour—22:27. Sent to—C.O. 2nd Bn. From—C.O. 131st Regt., HEILLY. Message—Take command of 1st and 2nd Bns. We have been placed under command of 58th Div. under their orders move the 2 Bns at once from J 20 a 6.1 thence CORBIE-BRAY Road to J 18 d 7.2 then form up facing E with left at J 18 d 7.2 and right about J 24 d 8.5 Guides have been sent you. 1st Bn. is in trenches D25 Hq. D26 c 3.7.

Hour—22:34. Sent to—C.O. 1st Bn. From—C.O. 131st Regt., HEILLY. Message—Collect your Bn. on road J 1 d 2.1 ready to march at once this is the road jet. in HEILLY.

Hour—XX. From—III Corps. Message—Extract from III Corps G666 III Corps Operation Order No. 392, begins "The III Corps will continue the attack tomorrow at a zero hour to be notified later. The 58th Div. with the 131st Am. Inf. Regt. attached will attack on the right.

Hour—XX. To—O.C. Co. From—Lt. Comdr. Message—The General has decided that any attempt to take CHIPILLY be postponed until tomorrow. During the night the heavies will hammer the town and the 9th London will also have pushed at the North end of MALARD WOOD. D will withdraw to the valley with B & C and the men will feed and rest until further orders. Efforts are being made to send up hot tea. Any cooking in the valley should be concealed. Further orders will be issued re attack. B. & C. Co. must remain in their defensive positions more or less. B will send a patrol in direction of CHIPILLY to reconnoitre. O. C. Coys. will send down by word note of their requirements with regard to S.A.A., etc.

Hour—XX. Sent to—131st Am. Inf. From—G 1 33rd Div. Message—New water refilling point opens 1 a. m. J 16 d 8.0. If in need of anything wire me.

AUGUST 9th, 1918.

Sent to C. O. 131st Regt. From C. W. Davis, Lt. Col.
From: 58th Div., Aug. 9, 1918.

Ref. 00 140 aaa Hour of attack is postponed and will be notified later aaa 1st and 2nd Bns. 131st American Infy. Regt. will march forthwith to valley running N. E.

from SAILLY LAURETTE IN K 31 c and b and K 25 d aaa 18th Div. are providing guides aaa, move must be completed by daylight and every precaution for concealment from enemy observation during daylight taken aaa 58th Divn will continue to hold line in accordance with orders current before issue of 00 140, but will be in readiness to carry out the attack as ordered in 00 140 at a short notice aaa acknowledge aaa addsd all recipients 00 140.

Hour—1:50. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131 at 58th Div. Hq. Message—Attack suspended until further orders; get your Bns in the valley in K31 a & c by daylight sure. Keep them under cover and men will lie down whenever aeroplanes are above them.

Hour—2:15. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Reference G-X 56 of today 18th Div. are providing guides who will conduct the 1st and 2nd Bns. 131 Rgt. to SAILLY-le SEC Church tonight. 174 Bde. will provide guides to meet them at that point at 3:30 A. M. today, and conduct them to valley N. E. of SAILLY-LAURETTE if that is possible without the movement being observed. Otherwise 174 Bde. will guide them to a position in which they can be concealed as far east of SAILLY-le SEC as possible.

Hour—3:27. Sent to 131 Inf. Regt. G-671. From—III Corps. Message—The main operation described in my G666 (3rd Corps operation Order No. 292) dated 8/8/18 is postponed. All troops detailed for the operation will be located as far forward as possible in covered positions so as to be able to carry out the operations late in the day if ordered. Every effort will be made to consolidate the captured position. Reports will be forwarded by runners to Corps Hq. as soon after daylight as possible of the position of all units down to Battalion. The operations for the capture of CHIPILLY SPUR will be carried out tomorrow as ordered. 58th Div. will notify the flank Australian Div. of the hour. All Tank Corps Army 35, 5 Bde., 10 Tanks, 5 Bde. Tanks, 131 Am. Inf. Regt. and local. Acknowledge.

Hour—5:10. Sent to—C. O. M. G. CO., FRANVILLERS. From—C. O. 131 Rgt. Message—Move on through CORBIE to VAUX-sur-SOMME and await orders.

Hour—9:05. Sent to—C.G.66th Bde. From—C.O.131 Rgt. J19 c Cent. Message—Three Bns. and Hq. Co. between VAUX-sur-SOMME and SAILLY-LAURETTE, after marching all night, probably establish R. HQ. near SAILLY-le-SEC. M. G. Co. coming forward via. CORBIE. Attack contemplated early this morning postponed. Please repeat to Division. Request rations to VAUX-sur-SOMME today.

Hour—12:30. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—The 131 Am. Regt. will move at once by way of SAILLY-LAURETTE and into gully in K32b. Report hour of starting so that smoke may be put on CHIPILLY SPUR to conceal movement.

Hour—13:15. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—III Corps. Message—III Corps Operation Order No. 293 begins. III Corps O. O. 292 is cancelled. The III Corps will continue the attack this afternoon at zero hour provisionally fixed at 5 P. M. The 58th Div. with the 131st Am. Inf. Rgt. attached will attack on the right and 12th Div. on the left. The objective is K24 d 3.9 K17 Cent. Rd. Jet. K11 a 1.4 to trench system a K4 b 7.5. Along trench system to K28 a 5.7 K21 b 0.8. This line will be consolidated and troops reorganized in depth. Inter-Div. boundary will be K15 c 5.2 Rd. Jet. K11 a 1.4. 8 and if possible 12 tanks will be allotted to the 58th Div. and 8 tanks to the 12th Div. for the operation. The 36th Inf. Bde. will be pulled out of the line held by the 18th Div. as soon as the attacking troops have passed through and will report to the 12th Div., who will issue orders as to their disposal. 18th Div. will continue to hold the line between its present boundary and the attacking troops

will advance through them. The artillery barrage on the inter-Div. boundary will start at point K15 d 0.5 at zero and continue to zero plus 20 when it will lift and continue at the rate of 100 yds. in 4 minutes beyond the objective to a final position forming a protective barrage. The 18th Div. will place their pioneers at the disposal of the 58th Div. to construct a strong supporting position across the neck east of the brick yard, from K16 a to K22 b.

Hour—13:55. Sent to 131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Northumberland Hussars report enemy line K21 b 8.7 K22 a 2.1 K22 c 5.5 K22 c 0.8 K28 a 8.1 K37 Cent. 131 Am. Regt. will take steps to clear any enemy west of starting line with assistance of tanks.

Hour—14:05. Sent to 131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Continuation O. O. 142. 173 Bde. will be responsible for protecting right flank of 131 Am. Regt. by holding a line overlooking SOMME from K35 Cent. northwards to objective. 174 Bde. will be responsible for the CHIPILLY SPUR, south of Grid line, through K33-34 & 35 Cent. Hqs. 175 and R.Hq. Am. Regt. are being established about J36 Cent.

Hour—14:45. Sent to—58th Div. From—C. O. 131. Message—M. G. CO. not arrived. Order 142 received 2:58 P. M. for movement.

Hour—15:42. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—III Corps. Message—Reference to G678 III O. O. 293 for K28 A57 K21 b 0.8 read E28 e 5.7 E21 b 0.8. Last paragraph for 16a to 22b read K16 a to K22 b from III Corps.

Hour—16:10. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—III Corps. Message—Reference III Corps G678 O. O. 293. zero hour is now 5:30 P. M.

Hour—16:59. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—14 Suffolk when withdrawn from line will become Div. reserve in assembly position in valley K26 c and K25 d.

Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—A contact aeroplane will fly over objective at zero plus two hours.

Hour—17:00. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—C. O. 58th Bn. M. G. Co. Message—The Machine Gun Co. of 50th Div. attached to 58th Div. will take up positions as below. They will come in action as soon as possible after the capture of the objective. These positions and the number of guns in each are shown on attached map together with the area on which fire is to be brought. Harassing fire will be kept on these areas during dark and mist. In case of S.O.S. the near edge of each area will be the barrage line.

Hour—17:45. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—C. R. E. 58th Div. will assume command of 14th and 8th R. Sussex (Pioneers) 18th Div. ordered to assemble in 58th Div. Reserve in K26 c. He will move them forward after the objective of the 131st Am. Regt. and 175th Bde. has been gained and will consolidate a position across the Div. front with Right on SOMME and Left in touch with 12th Div. in rear of the objective on the best line he can select. 131st Am. Regt. and 175th Bde. will consolidate the front line when gained.

Hour—18:10. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 1 Bn. Message—K27d3.1 to K27b5.1 advance held up by hostile M. G. fire from R. flank cannot see any M. G. emplacements.

Hour—18:10. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—Opr. O. Message—Am awaiting your location. I have orders to forward.

Hour—18:15. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131 K32b5.5. Message—H. Co. Right support moving forward. Have advanced about 300 yds. This message received at 5:55 P. M. Runner sent to other Coys.; no reports received.

Hour—18:15. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131 K32b5.5. Message—Your Lewis guns are here. I am sending a platoon with them from 3rd Bn. Hold your line at all hazards and use your support if necessary. Desire objective reached and held.

Hour—18:23. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. From—C. O. 131 K32b5.5. Message—Let me know if your front line is connected with troops on right and left. Hold objective when reached, using supports if necessary. Notify me location of your Bn. Hq.

Hour—18:40. Sent to—Opr. O. From—C. O. 131 K32b5.5. Message—131 Hq. located K32b5.5, in communication with left Bn. P. C. at K27a9.9; runners out to locate right Bn. Reserve Bn. deployed along line reverse slope approximately K32b7.0 northward.

Hour—18:45. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. From—C. O. 131 K32b5.5. Message—If still held up by Machine Guns send patrols around flanks with Lewis Guns; call up some of your supports if necessary. Report frequently.

Hour—19:10. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 1st Bn. K27d5.5. Message—Front line in touch with troops on right, but not with troops on left. Have sent out to left and cannot locate. Advance still held up by M. G. fire from R. flank. Post of command K32b5.5. Am in front line.

Hour—19:14. Sent to—Mjr. Forbes, 33rd Div. From—C. O. 131 K32b5.5. Message—Regimental Battle Hq. at K32b5.5, 1st Bn. Hq. K27d7.3, 2nd Bn. Hq. K27a9.9, 3rd Bn. Hq. in reserve on line approximately K32b7.0. 1st Bn. reported at 6:00 P. M., portion of line held up by Machine Gun fire, sent orders to outflank guns using part of support if necessary. No calls for assistance up to present time.

Hour—19:15. Sent to—C. O. 131 Regt. From—Opr. O. Message—Forward dump at J28e4.7 has 100,000 rounds S.A.A. 34 S.O.S. signals and will have tonight 3,000 iron rations.

Hour—19:17. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. From—C. O. 131 K32b5.5. Message—Watch your line closely, look out for your ammunition supply; use supports as replacements whenever necessary. Report situation and location of front line by bearer.

Hour—19:17. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131 K32b5.5. Message—Do.

Hour—19:25. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—4th Australian Div. reports 7:15 P. M. party of enemy about 160 strong seen returning from K24 towards windmill K19c.

Hour—19:26. Sent to—C. G. 58th Div. From—C. O. 131 Inf. K32b5.5. Message—British Officer 10th London reports held up by M. G. fire from woods K34a4.5, has asked for help. Sending him one company.

Hour—19:33. Sent to C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. K27a9.9. Message—What arrangements can be made for picks and shovels for companies in the line? We have no available men or tools. Nothing new to report.

Hour—19:35. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131 Inf. K32b5.5. Message—Am trying to arrange with division for tools; meantime use intrenching tools.

Hour—19:40. Sent to—C. G. 58th Div. From—C. O. 131 Inf. K32b5.5. Message—Can you send a supply of heavy picks and shovels for digging in on the objective?

Hour 19:40. Sent to—O.O. 131 Inf. From—Col. San. K32b55. Message—Can you send a supply of heavy picks and shovels for digging in on the objective.

Hour—19:45. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—Opr. O. Message—Has Division been notified change of Hq.? Does Col. want me to move forward? Hq. Co. & N. C. O. Staff here; 1-lb. Cannon & T. M.s are moving forward about MALARD

WOOD. No co-ordinates possible as yet. S.A.A. dumps at J28c4.7, J19b66. Motor car from 33rd Div. arrived. All Signal section here. Advise.

Hour—19:52. Sent to—C. G. 58th Div. From—C. O. 131 Inf. K32b 5.5. Message—C. O. left Bn. reports ammunition exhausted. Sending him a small amount from three reserve companies. Can you send up transports with a supply of ammunition?

Hour—19:55. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131 Inf. K32b 5.5. Message—Am sending ammunition.

Hour—20:10. Sent to—C. G. 58th Div. From—C. O. 131 Inf. K32b 5.5. Message—Have received word that ammunition is running low; have sent back to dump supply on learning of replenishment of dump.

Hour—20:10. Sent to—C. O. T. M. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—Advise by bearer your position by map co-ordinates, also condition of men and anything of importance.

Hour—XX. Sent to—Opr. Ofer. From—C. O. T. M. Platoon. Message—Are located on side of road about 1,000 yds. from end. Not to go in line until further orders. Same for 37 mm's. T. M. no casualties. Try and send tomorrow's rations in A. M.

Hour—20:25. Sent to—58th Div. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—Regt. Hq. at K32b5.5. C. O. in communication with left Bn. of 131 Inf. Hq. of left Bn. at K27a9.9. Reserve Bn. deployed along reverse slope K32b7.0, thence northward.

Hour—20:32. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131, K32b5.5. Message—You must make reconnoissance of position and report exact location of your front line. Do you join up on right & left with flank units?

Hour—XX. Sent to—Opr. Ofer. From—C. O. 131 K32b5.5. Message—Come after awhile and talk it over if you like.

Hour—20:58. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. K27a9.9. Message—Verbal report from Co. E. & Co. H. Enemy concentrating M. G.s over ridge about K13 Cent. E. Co. occupies position from K17 Cent. to approx. K17d5.3 with G. Co. on R. Casualties heavy. Support needed. I have no support left. Lt. Bachand has a group of men of H. F. & G. Coys. holding line approximately K23b7.9. Lt. Dick, Co. H., reports verbally by runner that he has 150-200 men. Coys. E., F., G., H. approx. at k24b Cent. All coys. are badly in need of reinforcements and ammunition.

Hour—21:20. Sent to—C. O. 1 & 2 Bns. From—C. O. 131 K32b5.5. Message—Send in casualty list tonight. Send back for Lewis Guns and ammunition.

Hour—21:45. Sent to—58th Div. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—Am. Inf. Line runs K17d2.9, K23b1.0, K29b4.6, K34a5.5, K34c4.9. Information from British, advising Col. 131.

Hour—22:50. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Following from 175th Bde. Timed 7 P. M. Reports 12th Bn. on their objective; 500 prisoners; all got off 7 minutes after zero. In touch with 8th Londons on their left and Am. on right. Sending up a Bn. to go through 8th Bn., as they are very weak. Casualties light.

Hour—23:07. Sent to—C. O. 131 Regt. From—Adj. 2nd Bn. K27a8.5. Message—Please advise us your new location. C. O. is now reconnoitering our front position. Companies up to the present have not received Lewis Guns or ammunition, except that which can be carried up by runners. Advise us if it is possible for us to have telephone communication established, as the signal platoon attached to us has not been located. From information we gather from men returning, companies need supporting troops badly.

Hour—XX. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Ammunition

dump now established at J28c3.8 contains 100,000 rounds S.A.A., 500 Very Pistol ammunition 39 S.O.S., 100 petrol tins full of water. 500 Stokes will be there by 10:30 P. M. III Corps delivering to dump as soon as possible 500,000 S. A. A., 3,000 Very Lights, 50 S. O. S., 2,000 Flares (Red). Also 4,500 War Rations. III Corps have been asked to deliver you normal supplies by Lorrie to J28c38.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. K32b5.5. From—Opr. Ofcr. Message—Will try to get forward as soon as message from 58th Div. is received. They are sending one as soon as completed. Many are asking for particulars and to establish present line. Please note important messages which are so marked.

Hour—XX. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Message from artillery observers 86th Bde. R. F. A. report many enemies seen in road K3b0.5. Two A. T. guns K3a7.4. H. A. F. O. O. reports our troops in K29a. 100 prisoners. Success Signal Chipilly Square. 12th Div. surrounded MORLANCOURT and advancing K3a & b with little opposition.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 173 Bde. Message—If we conspire together to be on our final objective by daylight tomorrow I think we can do so. If you will agree that any of your officers that are in touch with our Officers may carry on together, I will give my officers the necessary orders.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. M. G. & Hq. Coys. From—C. O. 131 Inf. Message—Collect organization at once and report to me, bearer will guide you to me, also collect any men who appear to have no business and make detail for that purpose.

DATE—AUGUST 10th, 1918.

Hour—00:10. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Corps Commander attaches special importance to securing and holding the whole of the spur in K23d down to the SOMME.

Hour—00:30. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Owing to success in south, enemy reported retiring everywhere. Army Commdr. has ordered old trench line K24 Cent. through K18d & b K12 d & b and a, to be occupied forthwith; you will push forward at once and seize this line. Close touch will be kept between 131st Regt. and 175th Bde. and with 12th Div. on left. Jct. with 12th Div. will be at K6c9.3 cross roads.

Hour—00:30. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Refer III Corps G696 of today. Please order Bn. to move by BRAY-CORBIE Rd. through K21b6.9 towards K23 Cent. in support of 131 Am. Regt. The Bn. will come under orders of the 131 Am. Regt. to assist in consolidating the position gained in depth.

Hour—1:30. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—4th Aust. Div. Message—Relief by third Aust. Div. will be carried out tonight 10, 11th. On completion Bde. will move to following areas: 4 Al. to P. O. J24-30 and 36, 12th A. I. Bde area K19 25 & 31. Reconnoitering parties will be sent at once to these areas. Location of Bde. Hq. will be notified to this Office as soon as possible. Advise all Bdes. and repeat to Flank Positions and all concerned.

Hour—1:35. Sent to—131 Am. Inf. From—58th Div. Message—174th Bde. report that they have gained objective and are on the ridge overlooking SOMME and in touch with Americans on left. Staff Officer has been around line of 175th Bde. and 131 Am. Regt. and report that they are on their objectives.

Hour—3:00. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—4th Aus. Div. Message—Elements of 18th and 58th Divs. will subsequently be relieved under separate orders.

Hour—3:00. Sent to—C. O. 131st Inf. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. Message—1 platoon of I Co. with 1st Bn. 3 squads of I Co. with M Co. remainder of I Co. used for carry-

ing details. M. Co. in support of 2nd Bn. in event of not being needed will move to rear in support of Cos. L. & K.

Hour—3:00. Sent to—33rd Div. From—C. O. 131 Inf. Message—Estimate of Casualties. 5 officers killed, 3 injured. Other ranks 40 killed, 250 injured.

Hour—3:06. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—4th Aus. Div. Message—4th Aust. Div. takes over from 58th Div. line as far north as BRAY-CORBIE Rd. at 8 a. m. today (10th) new north boundary will be K17 Cent. thence Rd. J19a2.0 thence west along grid line. The 131 Inf. U. S. and Elements of 18th and 58th Divs. come under command of G. O. C. 4th Aus. Div. at time of relief in present positions in forward area. Elements of 18th and 58th Divs. will subsequently be relieved under separate orders.

Hour—3:40. Sent to—131 Am. Regt. From 173 Bde. Message—9th Londons report by telephone that officer who has just returned from visiting line finds that American Line southeast of cross roads at K17 Cent. very thinly held and troops there are without rations and water and have little ammunition.

Hour—4:00. Sent to—131 Am. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—4th Aust. Div. takes over line as far north as BRAY-CORBIE Rd. exclusive at 8 a. m. today 131 Regt. U. S. Inf. and elements 58th Div. come under orders G. O. C. 4th Aust. Div. at above hour. Div. will subsequently be relieved under orders to be issued later.

Hour—4:00. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Exact location of Bns. at Dawn 10th Inst., will be reported and situation cleared up on line K24b2.0, K18b8.0, K12d8.5, K5b5.6, E29c3.3, E23c8.8. Old Amiens defenses on this line will be occupied and consolidated. Progress being reported. The dividing line between 175th Bde. and 12th Div. being K11a1.9 K6d0.3.

Hour—4:05. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—The 9th London Bn. are establishing a line of trenches from approximately K17 Cent. to K23a4.6 in order to stop counter-attack from GRESSAIRE WOOD. They have sent Patrols to the front who report that the front is unoccupied by any troops. They have, however, located an American Post at K17 Cent. of 50 or 60 men. The C. O. of the 9th London Bn. requests that you immediately send your reserve Bn. to occupy the line of the objective. I will transmit your reply which he awaits.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. K27a8.5. Message—Have had no communication from front line since 9:30 p. m. British Officer sent word that men from our left were retiring. I personally investigated and found Lt. Nicholas with about 50 men had retired to a point about 200 yds. to our left front. Under orders of Lt. Keating immediately loaded these men with extra ammunition and sent them back to the objective. Lt. Casey B. I. O. went forward with these men at 12 Midnight to locate the entire line. He returned at 3:00 a. m. and reports that he sent patrols along our entire front and was unable to locate any of men occupying this line. He is positive he went beyond the objective. The carrying party of 100 men went forward at 2:30 a. m. with Lewis Guns and S. A. A. accompanied by one officer, 2 sgts., 2 cpls. from our Bn. Int. Sec. I am awaiting their return. Request that two companies reserve be sent forward at once so as to get them into position before dawn. Companies to have entrenching tools.

Hour—5:00. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131 Inf. Message—Am sending reserve Bn. to occupy line as requested.

Hour—5:45. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From Adj. 2nd Bn. Message—Disposition of front line am unable to give. C. O. has gone forward with 100 men to establish line as best he can. We will send runners for him and by the time reserve Bn. arrives he will be here. Troops are not dug in. Runner will guide 3rd Bn. to 2nd Bn. Hq.

Hour—6:00. Sent to—C. G. 58th Div. From—C. O. 131st Inf. K31b3.6. Message—Situation report. Our disposition: Front line runs approx. K17 Cent. S. E. K30a4.0 troops holding line consist of 1st and 2nd Bns. 131 plus 1 co. 3rd Bn. plus 1 Bn. 10th London. Remainder 3rd Bn. 131 Inf. moved up to re-enforce line this morning. Enemy Defenses: M. G. defense was strong especially on our right where attack was held up last evening. Enemy artillery has been shelling desultory except in valley W. of MALARD WOOD and Wood K33a and North.

Hour—6:00. Sent to—G-2 33rd Div. From—R. I. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—131 Inf. in conjunction with British Corps attack from line K21a&b K27a&b about 5:30 p. m. (9th) and gained objective late in the night along line K17 Cent. K17d8.0 approx. to River bend K30a. Enemy shelling desultory except valley W. of MALARD WOOD and eastern slope of valley. Attack met strong resistance from M. G's. especially on right. We have taken some prisoners which were handed over to British. Receipt taken. Identification shows 238th Artillery Regt. WURTENBERGERS 1st Foot Artillery Corps.

Hour—XX. Sent to—2nd Bn. C. O. From—Lt. Dick. Message—7th London Bn. on my left and connected up. 1st Bn. passed to my rear covering my left flank at 7:00 a. m. C Co. on my left. I took 10 prisoners this a. m. at 3 o'clock and turned same over to Capt. Koeppitt of London Bns. to conduct to rear. Have two wounded Germans here with me now. Cannot spare men to send back. I took two auto. rifles here at my present position and have mopped up everything in this locality. Also took two field pieces yesterday p. m. about 400 yds. to the rear of my present position (K29b0.3 to K23d4.3). Troops here 1st platoon, 3rd platoon and a portion of Co. F. aggregating about 60 men in all. Our casualties have been 50 per cent. I have assumed command of our troops here. Please hurry ammunition and food, also more water. Any further information please request.

Hour—6:25. Sent to—Lt. Dick R. 2nd Bn. From—Lt. Col. 131 Inf. K31b3.6. Message—Message received. Date and hour necessary on all messages. Have no support to send you. Will send ammunition and water as soon as carrying party return from front line. Give me composition of your force.

Hour—6:40. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. K27a8.5. Message—I have just returned from front line. C. O. 2nd Bn. asked me to forward message sent him by Lt. Grace. A good deal of shelling is going on over general area. Have sent C. O. 2nd Bn. L Co. He now has L. & M. and part of I. Co. Balance of I. Co. out on carrying details. Do not know location of K. Co. Have not heard from them since they were detailed to C. O. 1st Bn. yesterday. C. O. 2nd Bn. thinks he can handle situation. Am sending them more ammunition.

Hour—XX. Sent to—Maj. FORBES, 108th F. S. Bn. From—Sig. Ofer. 131. Message—Have been unable to have signal equipment forwarded to this point. It is all loaded on an G. S. wagon in Billet 7 Pierregot. Will you have the Signal equipment loaded in a hurry and sent to me with all speed? This is required on urgent signal duty. Also send me 5 additional reels of wire so that we can extend our lines. Transportation facilities are very poor and we should have some better means such as a light machine of some kind marked Urgent Signal Duty so that we can have right of way on the road.

Hour—6:55. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131 Inf. K31b3.6. Message—Who are you in touch with on your left? Give map location of your extreme left. If not in touch send patrol forward to 12d 8.6 to old German trenches to see if occupied by Brit. troops. This last location is designated by orders to be our left point. If you find Brit. troops at 12d 8.6 move your line forward and occupy trench down to road K18d8.7.

Hour—XX. Sent to—R. I. O. From—3rd Bn. I. O. Message—Major Allen has been up to talk with Major Gale. He found him on the line which I have designated (K27a8.5). Major Gale is sending out patrols to K12 to see if the Germans occupy those trenches. Major Gale told Major Allen he did not need the rest of the 3rd Bn. for a while, for gradually 2nd Bn. men in bunches of 20 or 30 are being found. It is hard to estimate the casualties for the 2nd Bn., but last night the M. O. said that up to 8:30 p. m. there were about 130 men went through the dressing station. There are only a few officers left. L & M Coys. still located here in valley and part of I Co. Lt. Casey, 2nd I. O. is up at the front with Major Gale.

Hour—6:55. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—According to orders you should occupy German trenches from K18b8.7 to K24b2.0. If not in that position, send forward patrols to see if same can be occupied. Let me know your exact position at present giving co-ordinates. What is on your right?

Hour—7.01. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. K27a8.5. Message—Am waiting here for C. O. 2nd Bn. who is out reconnoitering. 2nd Bn. is supported by small body of the 9th London. I will reconnoiter at once and report to you the result. Adj. 2nd Bn. reports that their front line is from K17 Cent. to K17d6.1.

Hour—7:20. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Let me know if 2nd Bn. is in touch on his left with any British troops. See my last message to C. O. 2nd Bn. C. O. 2nd Bn. has been instructed to reconnoiter German trenches at K12d8.6 to determine if they are occupied by British troops. This point has been designated as our left and if line is found to be occupied by British troops you will move forward at once. C. O. 2nd Bn. also has been so instructed.

Hour—7:30. Sent to C. O. 131 Inf. K32b5.5. From—C. O. 1st Bn. K18c5.3. Message—Bn. arrived on objective at 6:30 a. m. just finished consolidation. C. Co. right in trenches K24 Cent. K24d3.4 D. Co. right center K24d2.4 to K24a8.4. A. Co. left center K24a8.4 to K18c8.0. B Co. left K18a8.0 to K18c8.4. Enemy M. Gs. in vicinity of K24d8.8 some enemy firing from woods K18b5.5 Enemy T. M's. and Whiz-bangs firing from village of EITNEHEM. Consider line too thin, should have some support; 4 prisoners, 10 Hvy. Mgs., 3 6" hows., 1 gun approx. 5.9; notified British of positions of guns and M. G's. Remain here awaiting orders.

Hour—7:35. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—Adj. 2nd Bn. K27a8.5. Message—We are in touch with the 12th London Regt. on our left at K17 Cent. C. O. is now forward establishing the line. C. O. 3rd Bn. has gone forward to meet him and arrange disposition of 3rd Bn. 3rd Bn. under cover near these Hqs. Will send information forward to C. O. 2nd Bn. in reference to sending patrol to K12d8.6.

Hour—7:36. Sent to—Lt. Matthews, 33rd Div. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Estimate of casualties. Officers killed 5, injured 3, other ranks killed 40, wounded 250.

Hour—7:37. Sent to—Lt. Dick K29b2.9. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Let me know at once whether you are in touch with troops on your right and left, also what enemy is apparently in your immediate front.

Hour—8:40. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Send in report of yesterday's operations. Intl. summary from B. I. O. must reach here before 10:00 a. m.

Hour—9:00. Sent to—Peno. From—C. O. Co. A. Message—Have reached objective along line K24 Cent. to K17 Cent. 2nd Bn. on my left. No rations, no ammunition, what shall I do?

Hour—9:20. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. From—C. O. CO. C. K24c5.9. Message—Reached final objective K24c9.8 and am holding line to N. W. M. G. and shelling from toward EITNEHEM, 2 Coys. only with me. No contact with 2nd Bn.

Hour—9:25. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Move your Bn. forward to trench line K24c9.8 N. E. of BRAY-CORBIE RD. Connect up with C. O. Co. C. at K24c9.8 on your right and with 2nd Bn. on your left. No reconnoissance need be done before moving.

Hour—9:30. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Move your Bn. forward to trench line S. W. from BRAY-CORBIE RD. at K18d8.7. Connect with road on your left and 1st Bn. on your right. No reconnoissance will be necessary before moving.

Hour—9:42. Sent to—3rd Bn. From—C. O. 131. Message—Send no reinforcements to 9th London Bn. Recall the squads from I Co. now with them. There should be no Americans north of the BRAY-CORBIE RD.

Hour—10:17. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—B. G. O. 173 Bde. will hand over to B. G. O. 174 Bde. command of all troops on the CHIPILLY SPUR and of K29 Cent. The 174 Bde. will arrange to withdraw all Am. troops in this sector as early as possible and send them to K28a7.5 where 131 Am. Regt. will send them orders.

Hour—10:29. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Instead of going into the line employ your men as stretcher bearers, also use them for identifying the dead.

Hour—10:30. Sent to—1st Bn. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Former message countermanded, occupy German trenches Rd. inclusive K18a7.7 to K24 Cent. connecting with C Co. on your right.

Hour—10:35. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Message previously sent countermanded, occupy German trenches K12d6.8 to Rd. K18a7.7 connect with British 174 Bde. on your left.

Hour—10:40. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Instead of going into line employ your men as stretcher bearers and for identifying the dead. Try to get out dead after the wounded.

Hour—11:04. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—Corps C. III Corps. Message—Hearty congratulations on successful attack carried out by 131 Inf. Regt. yesterday.

Hour—11:05. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Lt. Postal reports to C. O. 2nd Bn. that he has observed several coys. of Boche assembling in EITNEHEM, look out for counter attack.

Hour—11:10. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—As soon as you have cared for the wounded, collect the dead, be sure that nothing is taken from the bodies. Put a guard over them so that we can send them down on transport wagons. Put them near road as possible and notify me location.

Hour—11:15. Information just received that enemy troops are forming at EITNEHEM.

Hour—11:30. Sent to—Div. Surg. 33rd Div. From—Lt. Bisson, 2nd Bn. K2a. Message—Have evacuated from this point in connection with M. O. 24th London Rgt. approx. 300 wounded during the night and this a. m. One-third of which were Am. troops of 2nd Bn. 131 Inf. several types of injuries. Heavy percentage of dead still on field. Very few of E Co. 131 evacuated through this R. A. P.

Hour—11:35. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. A. Co. Message—Have moved forward to crest along K24 Cent. and 16 Cent. Enemy moving to counter attack along BRAY-CORBIE RD. Can you send me some S. A. A. 2,000 if possible.

Hour—12:35. Sent to C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—C. O. Co. A reports Artillery in support 1st Bn. 131 Inf. is occupying crest along ridge K24 Cent. to L16 Cent. 400 yds. further to front, need ammunition badly. Hostile light field piece 1,500 yds. front of old line.

Hour—12:40. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—M. O. 4th Aust. Div. Message—May arrangements be made for Lt. Hayes to act as Liaison with medical officer at Amb. post Q8b3.8 until definite arrangements for evacuation of wounded from your regiment are established? It is suggested that he remain at his present location.

Hour—12:40. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—M. O. 4th Aust. Div. Message—In order that stretcher bearers may be detailed to report to med. officers of Bns. of your Regt. will you instruct them each to send a runner to Q8b3.8 to guide stretcher bearers to the different Aid posts? Arrange for notification of present position of Aid posts and of locations after all changes to amb. post Q8b3.8.

Hour—12:40. Sent to—Opr. O. From—Duffett. Message—I have given the following orders to the Bn. Sup. and Transport Officers to send all cooks to Reg. Hq. with a big hot meal for noon and to bring all their transports to this point. Also told them to draw the iron rations. Made arrangements with Englishman in charge of dump and everything is O. K.

Hour—13:35. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—4th Aust. Div. Message—Report if you have succeeded in stopping troops seen advancing on BRAY, if not report immediately you have succeeded. Also report present situation. Send report by wire.

Hour—13:37. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Motor car will be sent to J36d5.5, where it will pick up C. O. whom it will take to Hq. 4th Aust. Div. at O5c5.7 S. of CORBIE. 131 Am. Regt. comes under command of 4th Aust. Div. and is taking over command of line BRAY-CORBIE RD. K17 Cent. 8 a. m. 10th inst.

Hour—13:55. Sent copy to—131 Regt. From—4th Aus. Div. to Officer's Patrol. Message—Proceed with an officer's patrol to the vicinity of GRESSAIRE WOOD getting in touch with the 131 Regt. U. S. Inf. Hq. at K32b9.0 on the way. Your task will be to investigate report that our troops are advancing toward BRAY in L19 and 13 and to report disposition of 131 Regt. U. S. Inf. Report on above by message from 4th A. I. Bde. Hq. at MORCOURT. Remain out to 6 p. m. today reporting at intervals as above.

Hour—14:20. Sent to— From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—Advance post on high ground 300 yds. in advance of my platoon. This is known to Artillery. I will get in touch with C. O. 1st Bn. He is about 150 yds. in advance.

Hour—14:22. Sent to Opr. O. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Copy of message relayed from C. O. Co. A, copy was sent to supporting artillery. 1st Bn. 131 Inf. is occupying crest along K24 Cent. to L17 Cent. 400 yds. further to front. Need ammunition badly. Boche light field piece 1,500 yds. front of old line. Ammunition has been sent up.

Hour—14:30. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. K31b3.6. From—C. O. 1st Bn. Message—Am still in same position K24 Cent. to K18b7.3 must have ammunition. Germans massing on left flank. Send M. Gs. and Lewis Guns at once.

Hour—15:15. Sent to—Adj. 3rd Bn. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. K27a8.5. Message—Make arrangements to get picks and shovels up to this point. Let me know if you can make arrangements. Prepare for Col. a report of yesterday's operations and each day a report to be made.

Hour—15:40. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—The following distribution has been made of available troops on our front. 2nd Bn. front line 93 men now located from K12d8.6 to Cross roads K18d8.7. Co. M reserve K17 Cent. to K17e7.2.

Hour—16:50. Sent to—Opr. Ofer. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Our position still from K18b8.8 to K24 Cent. Germans massing on our left flank. 1st Bn. asks

for M. G. and Lewis Guns at once. Germans shelling rd. up valley towards their position. Get in touch.

Hour—17:03. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—O. Patrol, 4th Aus. Div. Message—Line at present runs around N. E. end of GRESSAIRE WOOD from K18b5.8 south to K18b5.0 to K24 Cent. through K24c0.5 through K29 Cent. The units from left to right in line mentioned are 7th Londons and 131st Regt. U. S. A. joining with Eng. and Aust. troops on right from personal reconnaissance.

Hour—17:10. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—From front line. "Enemy advancing on our left will try and hold our position" (Lt. Grace). I have 175 men on 1,000 yd. front with two platoons in reserve.

Hour—17:40. Sent to—131 Am. Regt. From—175th Inf. Bde. Message—All objectives reported captured south of track running from K11a2.4 through K11b K6c & d. Am. in touch with Aus. on right. Front line now runs K11a9.9 K12a K6c7.0 K6c8.1 K6c9.1 K12b1.9-5.8 7.4 & K12d9.0.

Hour—18:10. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—Bn. Hq. now moved to K17 Cent. Front Line position holding under heavy shell fire, no telephone communication as yet.

Hour—18:20. Sent to—Bn. Hq. From—Lt. Dick, K29b2.9. Message—Send support, Urgent if I hold. No water, no food, must have ammunition at once. No one on my left. For God's sake send some one to cover on my left.

Hour—18:40. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—4th Aus. Div. Message—Reference to Div. Order No. 140 131 U. S. Inf. will establish and maintain a jet. with the right flank of the 58th Div. about K12d8.0. Reporting completion Contact aeroplane will fly over objective at 5:30 a. m. on the 11th and will call for flares and discs at intervals of half an hour until answered.

Hour—18:45. Sent to—C.O. 131 Inf. From—C.O. 2nd Bn. Message—Enemy attacking on our front. Artillery has been asked for. New location B.H.Q. K18c 30.95.

Hour—18:55. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—4th Aus. Div. Message—Contact patrol reports that between 3 and 4 P. M. troops seen from K24b2.0 to K24b3.9 and from K18d8.8 to K18b8.4 also posts at L3c6.9 Party of 20 dead (ours) seen from K24d7.9 to K24b8.7 Rifle and M.G. fire from L13b. No troops seen in EITNEHEM.

Hour—19:20. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—A.P.M. 4th Aus. Div. Message—Send all your prisoners of war to this Div. P.O.W. Cage at Q5c7.8.

Hour—19:30. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—4th Aus. Div. Message—Following from O. Patrol. Line out at present runs around N.E. End of GRESSAIRE WOOD from K18b5.8 south to K18d5.0 to K24 Cent. through K24c0.5 through K29 Cent. Units from left to right in line mentioned are 7th London, 131st U. S. joined again with Eng. & Aust. Officer in charge since wounded and Patrol returned.

Hour—20:05. Sent to—C.O. 131 Inf. From—C.O. 2nd Bn. K27a.9.9. Message—No report from Coys as yet.

Hour—20:45. Sent to—C.O. 131 Inf. From—C.O. 2nd Bn. K27a9.9. Message—Moving Bn. Hq. from K27a9.9 to K27a8.5 nothing to report as yet.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 2nd Bn. From—C.O. 131 Inf. Message—You will reorganize your Bn. getting your companies together and cover line extending from K17 Cent. to K18d6.6 facing North and from the latter point to K24b2.5 facing East. 1st Bn. will reorganize its companies and move south taking a position from K24b2.5 to K29 Cent. facing East and S.E. 3rd Bn. will reorganize its coys drawing out under cover of woods and take up position from K29 Cent S. to the bridge on road to MERICOURT, which is on the other side of the SOMME. The right Co. will connect by patrols with the Aust. which are south of them at about Q11a. The C.O. M.G. Co. will consult with C.O.'s 1st and 2nd Bns. as to their disposition of paying special atten-

tion to the country to the N. of K17 Cent and 18 d. The C.O. T.M. and 1-lb. Cannon will reconnoiter the territory covered by the 2nd Bn. and take up such positions as will be made advantageous. Reporting their disposition to Bn. Commdrs. This reorganization must be accomplished at the first possible moment, and all movement made under cover so as not to disclose any movement or occupation of the new position. Each Bn. must be set not later than 9 P.M. digging in as much as possible. At 9 P.M. the Aust. will assemble in the rear of our line in K23 and will then form and pass through our line to the East along the BRAY-CORBIE Rd. and will establish line along L14d and L20. Great care must be taken that our men do not fire at their troops. We must hold our line in case the Aust. are pushed back. Picks, shovels, wire and pickets at Regt. Hq. K32b6.2.

Hour—21:10. Sent to—C.G. 33rd Div. From—C.O. 131 K3lb3.6. Message—Received sidecar for exclusive use of C.O. have no other transportation. Additional motorecycle with sidecar needed immediately for emergency communication.

Hour—21:15. Sent to—C.O. 131 Inf. From—C.O. 3rd Bn. Message—Lt. Stockwell reports that 3 squads of his Co. joining the 9th London were wiped out, either killed or injured. I have replaced them with 3 squads of Co. I.

Hour—21:20. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—R.U.R.O. Message—12th London will establish an international post with the 131 Am. Regt. at K12d3.0.

Hour—22:00. Sent to—C.O. 131 Inf. From—Lt. Marchant K34c9.3. Message—Co. K. was relieved at 4 P.M. by the 10th Lon. Bn. and ordered to proceed to K28a7.5 where they met C.O. 3rd Bn. and were ordered to take up position along bank of SOMME from Bridge at Q5d to Rd on River bank K35a5.0 when Co. K. arrived at this last position, they found it occupied by the 10th London. Capt. Miller, can be located at the above location, until further orders. I shall remain with Capt. Miller.

Hour—23:00. Sent to—C.O. 131 Inf. From—C.O. 3rd Bn. Message—No troops with the British. Three squads of I Co. replaced 3 squads of M. Co. who were to the R. of 9th London. No traffic north of BRAY-CORBIE Rd.

Hour—XX. Sent to—131st Inf. Regt. From—4th Aus. Div. Message—Relief by 3rd Aust. Div. will be carried out tonight. (10th & 11th) on completion Bdes. will move to following areas reporting completion. 4th A. I. Bde. J24 30 & 36 12th A. I. Bde. to K19 25 & 31. Reconnaissance parties will be sent at once to these areas. Location of Bde. Hq. selected will be notified to this Office as soon as possible.

Hour—XX. Sent to—131st Inf. Regt. From—Div. Stat. O. 33rd Div. Message—Please note importance of getting estimated casualties back to statistical office as of noon each day. Reports to be received as soon after as possible. These to be of men by number and of Officers by name.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.G. 66th Bde. From—C.O. 131st Inf. Message—131 Inf. Transferring to command 4th Aust. Div. Forward all remaining officers and detachments to me at once if possible thru CORBIE to SAILLY-LAURETTE. Casualties 8th and 9th estimated 300, attack successful. Very stubborn resistance.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131 Inf. From—Adj. 2nd Bn. K27a8.5. Message—Up to the present time we have no telephone communication with Reg. Hq. We are going to move our Hq. forward, this will cause delay in receiving and sending messages of about three hours. Please advise if not possible to have telephone line carried when B. H. moves. It has been explained that there is a shortage of wire. We are depending solely upon runners as a means of communication. Attached hereto is original message received from Capt. Wilson and reply sent from Artillery Bde. Hq.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131 Inf. From—C.O. 251st Bde. R.F.A. Message—Herewith message received from 1st Bn. your regiment. This information has been sent previously to 58th Div. My Bde. does not cover your 1st Bn. only your 2nd Bn.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131st Inf. From C.O. 2nd Bn. Message—Lt. Porter reports that he has observed several companies of enemy assembling in town of EITNEHEM. Much aerial activity. I am extending to left of this point. 1st Bn. on R. extending S.E. am in touch with 12th London on L. by patrols.

Hour—XX. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—Bde. Mjr. 174 Inf. Bde. Message—Upon receipt of this order all troops in the CHIPILLY AREA south of K29 Cent. will pass from command of G.O.C. 173 Inf. Bde. to that of G.O.C. 174 Inf Bde. O.C.s 6th, 7th and 10th Bn. London Reg. will arrange to relieve all American troops in the above area forthwith and will instruct them to rendezvous at K28a7.5 for which guides will be provided, here they will receive orders from 131 Am. Regt. Forward as early as possible disposition of troops.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131 Inf. From—C.O. 1st Bn. Message—We occupy German trenches from K24 Cent. to K18d6.6. This differs slightly from message sent to C.O. 131 this A. M. We are in urgent need of S.A.A. 7th London Regt. on our right.

Hour—XX. From—C.O. 2nd Bn. Message—Operations Report of 2nd Bn. 131 Inf. August 9th, 1918. The Bn. moved from SAILLY-le-SEC to a position to the left of MALARD WOOD. Left of the Battalion Sector along the BRAY-CORBIE RD. The right of the Bn. Sec. approximately K27 Cent. Arrived in position 5:45 P. M. Barrage opened at 5:30 P. M. and lifted at 5:50 P. M. Companies were approximately 30 minutes late in starting. Final objective reached at about 8:40 P. M. Some platoons going beyond final objective and then retired to a line from K17a7.4 to K17d9.0. Companies were badly mixed, consolidation being very poor. Lost contact on the right, but maintained communication on the left with 12th London Regt. approximately, 300 casualties. Unable to get further information until Co.'s are reorganized.

Hour—XX. THIRD BN. INT. REPORT ON INFORMATION GAINED FROM PRISONERS: Two prisoners, badly wounded in the legs were brought in to the aid station this morning and are here now at K27a8.5.

Reg. 265 (sending identification). They claim that the 202 Reg. is also in front of us and that the 265 Regt. was supposed to be relieved last night. When they are relieved they have to walk back to the city of PERUN. Most of the aeroplanes were sent down to RHIEME. The 202 Reg. withdrew from ALBERT because they had no reserves and our artillery was too heavy, but before they left ALBERT they mined the town and shot gas in the dugouts. General Knoneff commanding this front. The enemy's front line is reported by prisoners to be behind the French trenches in the edge of the woods. They are not occupying trenches. Reserves were sent for. Officers will no longer tell the men who is in front or who is on their right or left. In order to get food for Germany they trade coal for food, Sweden, Holland and Switzerland. All rubber was turned in and all automobiles have steel tires. In 265 Reg. they have 4 M.G.'s per Co. At the time prisoners gave up, the main line of enemy was back at the canal 8 kilos where they had several trench mortars. The average strength of the companies is 110 men.

DATE—AUGUST 11th, 1918.

Hour—5:40. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. R. Hq. From—C. O. Co. K. K34e9.3. Message—Relief completed position occupied Q11a9.9 Northward along SOMME to Rd. on river Bank K35a5.0. We are in touch with Co. L. on our left. Three casualties by 4.2 shell, names will follow. Advise Capt. McKay 14th Aust. Bu. contents of this message.

Hour—6:20. Sent to—C. O. 1 lb. Cannon Plt. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—Detail four men from your platoon to report to 1st Bn. with bearer as guide.

Hour—6:40. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 1st Bn. Message—Send 4 stretcher bearers with runners who are with your runner. Enemy 8" H. Es. being thrown into our rear line. Gas Shells dropping close to our line (Mustard). Must have bombs at once. Send 16 boxes, advise runner what time to expect bombs.

Hour—6:40. Sent to—C. G. 4th Aust. Div. From—C. O. 131 K31b3.6. Message—3rd Bn. Occupies position along top of bank above river from Q11b0.8 to K24 Cent. thence 2nd Bn. was ordered to occupy northward to K19b9.9. They are not yet in position, but are in touch. 1st Bn. holds K29 Cent. to K24 Cent. 3rd Bn. Q11b0.8 K29 Cent.

Hour—9:25. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—4th Aust. Div. Message—Division Cmdr. anxious to know if your regiment has benefited by night's rest and whether your troops are feeling fit.

Hour— . Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. K23c7.5. Message—L. Co. at K29c5.2 Co. Hq. on a line from K29 Cent. to K29c5.2. No reports from other coys. K. Co. is getting into position, no report as to completion.

Hour— . Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 1st Bn. Message—We are now in touch with 3rd Bn. on our right. There is a horse shoe shape gully 150 yards wide separating the center from the R. Bn. Lewis Guns are being placed by 1st and 3rd Bns. on either side of this gap to control gully. We are now in regular liaison with R. Bn.

Hour—12:10. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. Co. K., CHIPILLY SPUR. Message—No reason why cookers and water carts cannot be left in gully here.

Hour—13:40. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. Message—It seems impossible under present conditions to arrange and transport our dead to any certain burial places except on the field. Suggest burial, collecting and recording identification of same. Will you make arrangements, or advise me regarding the matter. Our Bn. is fairly well dug in.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—Div. Sur. 33rd Div. From—2nd Bn. M. O. K18a5. Message—I am working with the above Aust. R. A. P. and evacuating 2nd Bn. 131 and through 13th Aust. Field Amb. Have with me one man. Left 3 men at K26a7.5 with British M. O. have no equipment to establish independent post.

Hour—15:05. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. C. O. 3rd Bn. From—C. O. 131 K32b5.6. Message—Notify your Med. Officers to relay wounded, use stretcher to first aid stations having men bring back one empty. Then relay to collecting station having men bring back to 1st aid one empty stretcher. In this way you will always have stretchers.

Hour—15:10. Sent to—131 Inf. From—4th Aust. Div. Message—Desire collect Australian personnel tonight for attachment to 132 Regt.

Hour—15:15. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. From—C. O. 131 K32b5.6. Message—Select flat piece of ground back of your Bn. Hq. to bury your dead. Taking Map location and marking the graves. Take off one I. D. tag also all personal property marking the package with list. These packages to be turned over to nearest Q. M. and send record to Cent. Records Bureau.

Hour—15:20. Sent to—Maj. Loutil. c/o 131 Inf. From—4th Aust. Div. Message—Arrange to collect Australian personnel attached to 131 Regt. tonight and bivouac suitable spot in rear pending arrival of 132 Am. Regt. to whom they will be similarly attached. Put Kennedy in command of party. 132 Hq. will be at J22d on arrival.

Hour—15:26. Sent to—131 Inf. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—Aust. Sgt. reports enemy forming S. E. K18b7.5 in BRAY. I have transmitted this information to C. O. Bde. on our R. front. Report not verified as yet.

Hour—15:45. Sent to—131 Inf. From—4th Aust. Div. Message—Reference

G24/833/1 para. 1, new S. O. S. signals will be delivered today. Reference para. 2, Signals will be collected at Bde. Hq. and returned to S. A. A. section J2e83. Number so returned to be notified to this office.

Hour—16:00. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. Co. K K34d0.4. Message—M Co. took over from me sector from Rd. K35a5.0 south to K35e7.2. Disposition: I have two platoons in the front line from K35e7.2 to Q10d5.4 and two platoons under bank near Co. Hq. K34d0.4. I am in touch with the 42nd Bn. Aust. on my right. Their Hq. are in MORCOURT, Q16a3.4. They are supporting the 9th Bde. Aust. and are in old French line in R13. Owing to heavy casualties on right from bombing planes they did not advance this morning, and have no further orders, but will notify us in case they move. Enemy M. Gs. are firing intermittently on our planes from MERICOURT. Will establish a complete post over pontoon bridge over SOMME in Q10d5.4 with C. Company 42nd Bn. A. I. F. Will extend our line to this point with another platoon. The Co. Hq. of C. Co. 42nd Bn. A. I. F. are on road at Q17e. Must have maps of 62 D. S. E. and 62 D. N. E. Troops apparently Aust. were on ridge east of EITNEHEM L26ab. at 2:45 p. m. Rations or water carts not yet arrived.

Hour—16:55. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Artillery. Message—S. O. S. lines for Div. front receipt of this message will be as follows: Sedgwicks group L7d3.4 L1e1.0 K6b0.0 K6a Cent. Coys. Bde. superimposed on whole front. Paying special attention to any point requested. C. G. C. 175 Inf. Bde. also to road to L7d0.0 cross rds. K6d9.7 gun pit K6b5.2.

Hour—17:15. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—Ordered to take S. A. A. 1st Bn. C. O. Co. C. met us and with all the men we supported Co. C. clearing woods to present point K18 Cent. Am now at above place. I have now only about 30 men connecting Co. C. with their Bn. Hq. Can you put in any reserves on east of rd. K18d0.8 K18d8.7.

Hour—17:15. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—4th Div. Artillery. Message—Liaison arrangements from receipt of this will be as follows: R. group with 13th Aust. Bde. and with 50th Bn. R. line Hq. K25b8.2 L. group with 131 U. S. Inf. with 49th Aust. Bn. L. line Hq. K18a5.0 the 6th R. H. A. with R. and L. groups.

Hour—19:20. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—4th Aust. Div. Message—Two companies as arranged through liaison officer at disposal of G. O. C. 13th Bde. with four Vicar Guns. Co. Comdr. to report to 13th Bde. Hq. K28d8.2 for orders forthwith. Your main defensive line not to be weakened. From 4th Aust. Div.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. Message—Moving my Hq. to K29c2.5.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O.s 1st, 2nd & 3rd Bns. From—C. O. 131. Message—C. O.s 1st and 2nd Bns. will assemble all data and report to R. Hq. tomorrow morning at 7:00 a. m. and write their reports of operations of 8th, 9th and 10th of August, from time of leaving BAIZIEUX trenches and town of BAIZIEUX respectively. C. O. 3rd Bn. will take command of line at 7 a. m. and will write his report forwarding same before 10:00 a. m. tomorrow to me personally. Report should show capture of enemy personnel, material, etc. C. O. 1st and 2nd Bns. will return to Reg. Comdr. the attack orders loaned.

DATE—AUGUST 12th, 1918.

Hour—1:45. Sent to—131 Inf. From—4th Aust. Div. Message—G. O. C. Liaison Force assumes command of the Corps Battle Front north of the SOMME and the point of Jet. with III Corps boundary the 12th at an hour to be notified later. 4th Aust. Div. less 13th A. I. Bde. will then pass into Corps reserve with Hq. at CORBIE. H. Q. Liaison Force will be J22d1.2 4th and 12th Bdes. and other Divisional Units

will remain in present location, pending further orders. Further instructions regarding the Divisional artillery will be issued.

Hour—6:20. Sent to—131 Inf. From—4th Aust. Div. Message—11th Aust. Bde. attacked successfully last night, our line now runs along trench to R. Cent. to R1b9.0 still mopping in CATEAUX WOOD. Prisoners 166, our casualties very light.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—131 Inf. From—58th Div. Message—Reference to Par. 1 Opr. O. 143, two M. G. Coys. attached to 175 Bde. will not be relieved tonight, but will be relieved night 13th & 14th by direct arrangements between officers commanding Bns.

Hour—14:12. Sent to—131 Inf. From—58th Div. Message—Par. 4 of Opr. O. 143 is cancelled. 173 Bde. will move as soon as accommodations can be arranged to area south of MERICOURT L'ABBE J913 14 & 15 where they will be in Corps Reserve. Bde. Hqs. will be notified later.

Hour—14:50. Sent to—131 Inf. From—4th Aust. Div. Message—Wire locations R. Hq. and Bn. Hqs.

Hour—16:45. Sent to—131 Inf. From—58th Div. Message—Cancel Par. 6 Opr. O. 143, Field Coys. R. E. and 14 Suffolks will work on front line tonight. Details later.

Hour—16:55. Sent to—131 Inf. From—58th Div. Message—Opr. O. 143 is cancelled. Further orders will be issued later.

Hour—17:40. Sent to—131 Inf. From—58th Div. Message—Cancel lines 4 & 5 of Par. Opr. 144 and substitute following: Bde. Hq. 175 Bde. will be in J11d and of 142 Bde. J26e0.8.

Hour—21:00. Sent to—131 Inf. C. O. From—M. O. 3rd Bn. Message—At present location of aid post K34c7.6 Amb. evacuates backward. Co. Stretcher Bearers evacuate to aid post. When orders come to move forward under fire it will be necessary to have bearers evacuate backwards, none have been provided.

Hour—21:45. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—13th Aus. Bde. Message—Re. Bde. Order No. 142 (13th Aust. Bde.) Zero hour will be at 1 A. M. 12th/13th August instead of 11 P. M.

Hour—22:50. Sent to—131 Inf. From—58th Div. Message—Reference 58th Div. EX206 142 Inf. Bde. Hq. for J26e0.8 read K26e0.8.

Hour—10:20. Sent to—131 Inf. From—4th Aust. Div. Message—Prepare to capture southern portion of ETINEHEM SPUR L26 and 32 under cover of artillery barrage this evening. Inform this office of time recommended for zero hour. Meantime get into touch with left of 11th A. I. Bde. now about R2c2.5 by patrols.

Hour—15:35. Sent to—131 Inf. From—4th Aust. Div. Message—Ref. G176. Zero hour tonight will be 11:00.

Hour—16:10. Sent to—131 Inf. Adj. From—Liaison Fs. Message—G. O. C. Liaison force will take over front and area now held by 4th Div. Aust. at 5:00 p. m. today. H. Q. Liaison Force now established at J22d0.3. Address Aust. Corps.

Hour—18:25. Sent to—131 Inf. From Liaison Fs. Message—G. O. C. Liaison Force assumed command of sector north of SOMME through Aust. Corps boundary 5:00 p. m.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. Message—This Battalion moved its Hqs. from K23c7.5 to K29c2.5 at 9:30 p. m. 11/8/18. Co. I. was detached for the day in picking up salvage at valley K23. I. Co. moved its Hqs. to K29c2.5 at 9:30 p. m. 11/8/18. Co. K. and M. exchanged locations. Co. L. moved to L19b & L20a at 8:00 p. m. 11/8/18. Four prisoners taken by Co. M.

DATE—AUGUST 13th, 1918.

Hour—00:45. Sent to—PENO. From—A.L.F. Message—Please detail N.C.O. & 6 signalers for duty temporarily with O.C. Signals Liaison Force details to be arranged mutually between Sig. Offices.

Hour—1:52. Sent to—PENO. From—L.F. Art. Message—Brig. Gen. Maxwell C.B.D.S.O. C.R.A. 58th Div. has assumed command of artillery covering L.F. front with Hq. at J22dl.2.

Hour—6:23. Sent to—XX. From—L.F. Message—Operation to regain river bed in L26 and 32 carried out at 1 A. M. Report received 5:00 A. M. stated objective gained except in reentrant in L20 D where pocket of enemy still holding. This pocket being subjected to Stokes Mortar bombardment and will then be mopped up. Casualties slight. Prisoners reported to present—1 Officer, 59 other Ranks. Identification 119 Regt. 137 Reg. four company pioneers 43rd Div.

Hour—9:10. Sent to—C.O. 131 Inf. From—Peko Jr. Message—(CODE) "Rats."

Hour—9:27. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—PENO. Message—2 Pkts. A.L.F. 7 A.L.F. 12.

Hour—9:30. Sent to—O.C. 33rd Div. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—Request one officer be attached for work with Trench mortars. When can I expect Capt. Melville M.G. Co. require his presence to put company into shape for use in possible emergency.

Hour—15:30. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—L.F. Message—On taking over your sector of line tonight you will arrange for a liaison patrol to be in touch with the extreme left of the front line of the unit on your right on the south side of the river A similar patrol from the unit on your right is being arranged to perform similar functions on your side of the river. The duty of these patrols is to maintain touch between the two divisions across the river.

Hour—18:20. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—Aus. Corps. Message—Well done Liaison Force.

Hour—20:05. Sent to—131st Inf. From—58th Div. Message—58th London Div. Order No. 145 (Disposition—Moves).

Hour—22:30. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—Meteor. Message—Weather forecast: Wind N 10 to 15 M.P.H. becoming light at night. Cloudless at first, but inland mist developing towards morning and a slight risk of some low cloud rising from north for N.E. Fair warm day visibility fair. Wind 7 P. M. N. W. 5 M.P.H. Midnight and 4 P. M. between N.W. and N. light.

Hour—22:40. Sent to—13th Aus. Bde., 131st Inf., 124th M.G. From Liaison F. Message—Attention has been drawn to the necessity of impressing on the infantry that they must light flares to show their position thus assisting the aeroplane contact patrols. Brigades M.G. Bn. will ensure that a sufficient supply of flares is maintained in all units.

Hour—22:40. Sent to—131 Inf. From—Liaison F. Message—L.F. Order No. 1 is amended as follows in accordance with conversation of this afternoon. Advance parties only of M.G. and T.M. units of 131st Regt. to move into line tonight. Actual relief of M.G. and T.M. unit to take place tomorrow night. The four platoons of 3rd Bn. 131st Regt. now attached to unit of 13th Bde. will rejoin their Bn. by 14th inst.

Hour—23:36. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—Liaison F. Message—Dado 4th Aust. Div. is now located at 134a6.4.

Hour—23:39. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—A.L.S. Message—Divisional ammunition dump at J28c5.7 now on phone.

DATE—AUGUST 14th, 1918.

Hour—XX. Sent to—Sig. Ofer. 131. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—13th Aust. Order No. 143 reads Par. 9 the telephone ground line from 51st Bn. Hq. to support Co. Hq. at L25b6.4 will be handed over to 1st Am. Bn.

Hour—XX. Sent to—Liaison Fs., 13th Aust., 33rd Div. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—Reliefs completed as follows: during night of August 13th/14th, 2nd and 3rd Bn. at 3:45 A. M. 1st Bn. less Co. A. at 6:45 A. M. Co. A. at 9:05 A. M.

Hour—00:27. Sent to—Sup. Ofer. 131 SAILLY LAURETTE. From—Sal. Co. No. 13 VINNECOURT. Message—British Salvage detail who are to assist you can be found at area commandant CORBIE.

Hour—16:25. Sent to—131 Inf. From—Liaison Fs. Message—Relief by code word LEFT. Advance party of M.G. and L.T.M. units of 131 Regt. will move up to night to similar units of 13th Bde. in new sector. Actual relief of guns in new sector will take place night 15/16th inst. All further details of reliefs to be arranged between formations concerned.

Hour—16:25. Sent to—131 Inf. From—PENNO. Message—131 Inf. Regt. will extend their front to the left during tonight 14/15th inst. by taking over the 50th Bn. front from 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. up to the point L14d6.5 where our line crosses the EITNEHEM BRAY Rd. On completion of relief boundary between 13th Bde. and 131 Regt. will be altered to the following K24a6.2 to L19a31 to road jet. L16c3.7.

Hour—16:30. Sent to—131 Inf. From—Liaison F. Message—Ref. L.F. Order No. 1, par. 8, support line will be sited and dug under Div. arrangements. 131 Am. Regt. will please detail working party of 4 officers and 200 O.R. to report to representative of 13th Fld. Co. Engrs. at K18c3.9 close to 49th Bn. Hqs. at 9:30 P. M. tonight with both pick and shovel per man. If tools are not available on spot they may be drawn from R.E. dump at K34c6.3. 13th Inf. Bde. will detail an officer to supervise setting of line of posts and to rendezvous at time and place as above.

DATE—AUGUST 15th, 1918.

Hour—9:25. Sent to—C.O. 1st Bn. From—C.O. 131st Inf. Message—Have your tracing of new disposition in if possible this morning. Also report on Liaison patrol across SOMME on South Bank.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 1st Bn. From—C.O. 131st Inf. Message—It is reported BRAY has been evacuated. This is not confirmed. Do not send anyone into BRAY, but send patrols tonight across the SOMME river. Along the canal to road L28c7.4 thence north to LANEUVILLE report situation by telephone by daylight.

Hour—15:25. Sent to—131st Inf. From—Liaison Fs. Message—131 Regt. will detail working party 4 officers, 200 O.R. to report to rep. 13th Fld. Co. at old Bn. Hq. K23b8.2 9:30 P. M. tonight with one pick and one shovel per man.

Hour—17:30. Sent to—XX. From—4th Aus. Div. Message—Make return of actual casualties in verification of estimated returns. To be expedited.

Hour—22:25. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—51st Inf. Bde. Message—Lt. W. J. Schultz, Liaison Officer arrived.

Hour—22:35. Sent to—Hq. 131st Inf., Sig. Officer. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—Have communication established with T. M. 131 Hq. at K29b35.65.

Hour—22:55. Sent to—Hq. 131st Inf. From—Lt. V. Beaman, Sig. Ofer. Message—Unable to furnish instrument to T.M. tonight, but am establishing liaison by runners to 3rd Bn. Hq. for tonight. Will install instrument as soon as possible.

Hour—23:00. Sent to—13th Aus. Bde., L.F. 33 Div., 66th Bde. From—Opr. Ofer.

Message—1st Bn. from L20d3.3 to L32 2nd Bn. at K32d 3rd Bn. from K24b2.4 to K29 Cent. RHQ K32b4.3 1st Bn. Hq. K29b2.3 2nd Bn. Hq. K32b4.3 3rd Bn. Hq. K29c2.5 M.G. Hq. K29c2.5 Locations of M.G.s No. 1 L25e8.0; No. 2 L33a1.8; No. 3 L26b7.1; No. 4 L20c4.2; No. 5 L20a2.4; No. 6 L19b8.5; No. 7 & 8 in reserve at L22d. forward M.G. Hq. L20a2.4, T.M.s K18a7.9, K32b4.3, T.M. Hq. K32b4.3.

DATE—AUGUST 16th, 1918.

Hour—1:10. Sent to—PENO. From—51st Inf. Bde. Message—Concerning conversation, a limber will proceed to Q4e2.9 tonight to pick up L.G.s of platoon of this Bde. attached to you. It will probably not arrive at location until about 1 A. M.

Hour—10:00. Sent to—Liaison Fs. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—General situation more quiet than usual. Heavy shelling of sneezing gas on advance front. Mustard Gas shells were dropped in valley and high ground K32b4.3. Hostile planes dropped about 30 bombs in our area. Enemy planes made two trips at 9:30 P. M. and 1:00 A. M. Wind S.E. barely perceptible.

Hour—11:30. Sent to—PENO. From—Liaison Fs. Message—Please detail working party of two officers and 100 O.R. to report to Rep. 13th Fld. Co. at 50th Bn. Hq. K23b8.2 at 9:30 P. M. tonight. To carry pick and shovel per man.

Hour—11:55. Sent to—131st Inf. From—Liaison Fs. Message—Please detail a working party of N.C.O.'s and twelve men report to Rep. of 13th Fld. Co. at 1st Am. Bn. Hq. K24e0.10 A. M. tomorrow and daily until further notice for work on maintenance. Midday meals but no tools to be carried.

Hour—13:50. Sent to—131st Inf. From—13th Inf. Aus. Bde. Message—This office B138 added 49th and 51st Bns. is cancelled. 34th Aust. Inf. Bn. will come under command 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. and relieve 49th Bn. tonight, 16th and 17th, Aug. 49th Bn. will move to bivouacs J30 a with H.QJ30a1.8. Completion relief to be notified by wire.

Hour—15:00. Sent to—Liaison Fs. From—C.O. 131. Message—Between 1:30 and 2:30 P. M. enemy artillery put 12 18-pounders in area K29c Cent. also 24 4.2s in area K23c and MALLARD Woods between K26d and K27c.

Hour—15:10. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—Liaison F. Message—34th Bn. is relieving 49th Bn. in left Sector L.F. front tonight 16th/17th inst. under orders of 13th Inf. Bde. On relief 49th Bn. will be quartered in valley in J30a and c and will be rationed by 9th Inf. Bde. from tomorrow the 17th inst. Relief will be wired this office by the code word "Front."

Hour—16:25. Sent to—Units 131 Inf. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—The 5th Aus. Div. is relieving the 17th Div. in the Sector on our right flank tonight 16/17th inst. 15th Aus. Bde. is relieving the 51st Bde. on our right. On our left the 34th Bn. is relieving the 49th Bn. under orders of the 15th Aus. Inf. Bde.

Hour—18:00. Sent to—Liaison Fs., 33rd Div. From—C.O. 131. Message—Situation normal.

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Hour—9:15. Sent to—L. F., 33rd Div., 66th Bde., 15th Aus. Bde. From—C.O. 131st Inf. Message—At 4:21 AM 6 5.9" shells fell on K23b Cent. At 5 AM five HE fell on K23d, and ten on K23b. Our Artillery normal.

Hour—XX. Sent to—L.F. 47 Aus. Div. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—Disposition Report 131 Inf. 2nd Bn. will relieve the 3rd Bn. in support area 3rd Bn. will relieve 1st Bn. in front line sector 1st Bn. will go in reserve in valley K32b all on night of 17/18th. Hqrs. of the Bns. will be located in the Hqrs. of the Bn's they relieve.

Hour—12:20. Sent to—131st Inf. Regt. From—R.U.Z.O. Message—During the night we advanced our lines from previous position to road in R3D21, south woods to R9c55, representing advance to average depth of 300 yds. No opposition met with until new positions were gained when company was subjected to bombardment with pineapples.

Hour—12:40. Sent to—131st Inf. Regt. From—Liaison F's. Message—Continuation of morning report. Forward posts were established during last night in L13a and b and our line now runs to D14d.55 to D47 to C49 to A31 to L13b91 to b52 to b24 to B27 to L7c51. Lost at the latter point in conjunction with div. on our left. Div. on our left met with considerable opposition and with exception of post at L8c posts on line of road further north were not established.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—Liaison F's. I.O. From—131 Inf. Message—Send artillery target maps. If possible 1/5,000 map of BRAY area. Attached is one telegraphic German order rec'd today.

Hour—15. Sent to—7th Lincolnshire, Bn. Peko 13th Aus. Bde. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—Referring to telephone conversation with C.O. 131st you will send 1-N.C.O. and 8-men with guide to church at CHIPILLY, where they will meet a similar patrol from the 7th Lincolnshire, 1st Bn. guide will return to our lines with the Lincolnshire patrol who will act as a reconnoissance and liaison patrol on your right flank. The patrol from your Bn. will go with British guide to their left flank and act in a similar capacity for you. The pass word for this operation will be MSB. Rations will be supplied by the Battalions to the other Bn's patrol, even exchange. Your patrol will get in touch with the Lincolnshire left flank Co. so as to establish communications.

Hour—15. Sent to—L.F. 15th Aus. Bde., 33rd Div., 66th Bde. From—C.O. 131. Message—Situation very quiet.

Hour—15. Sent to—215 Aus. Bde. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—Have guide meet our patrol at CHIPILLY Church at 10 p. m. tonight (Aug. 17th), to guide them.

Hour—15. Sent to—T. M. Platoon, M. G. Co. 1st & 3rd Bns. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—You will synchronize your watch with the watch in possession of runner and sign for that act.

Hour—15:15. Sent to—131st Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Will you please forward as soon as convenient copy of your narrative of recent operation undertaken by your Regt. when attached to 58th Div. This is required to enable the 58th Div. narrative to be completed.

Hour—17:00. Sent to—58th Div. From—Opr. O. Message—Narrative will be forwarded to you, same is now being prepared, but is going slow. Advise the limit of delay you can grant us.

Hour—23:30. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—Liaison Forces. Message—In consequence of above normal movement in enemy back areas on our front and in front of corps on our left counter preparation phase one will be put down by field and heavy artillery on Liaison Force front and that of corps on left from 3 to 3:30 a. m. and from 4 to 4:30 a. m. tomorrow, (18th Inst.).

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Hour—4:18. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—15th A. I. Bde. Message—R. Bn. rushed enemy post in R15 killing two of enemy. Identification: 11th Bn. 80th Fusilier Regt. 21st Div.

Hour—4:45. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—15th A. I. Bde. Message—Situation Report: Enemy shelling confined to light harassing fire on villages and communication. Our posts were advanced in places. Details later.

Hour—4:55. Sent to—L. F., 33rd Div. 66th Bde., 13 & 15th Aus. Bdes. From—Opr. Off. 131st Inf. Message—Morning Situation report: Everything quiet up to 3:00 A. M. from 3 to 3:30 a. m. and 4 to 4:30 our artillery was active firing on enemy's back areas.

Hour—7:00. Sent to—Do. From—do. Message—Situation quiet up to 6:00 a. m.

Hour—11:00. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. From—C. O. 131st Inf. Message—Two patrols will be done by the 3rd Bn. tonight. One patrol must get a prisoner. Other patrols will cross river near L33a proceed east to near cross road L28c (bridge reported L27c4.6) thence reconnoiter road northward to town LANEUVILLE looking for signs of enemy occupation. Both patrols will start as soon as darkness permits and will return before 3:00 a. m. Routes to be taken by second patrol will be reconnoitered as far as possible by daylight patrols today. Prisoner will be forwarded immediately with all his property. Notify arrangements so that all may be advised.

Hour—12:12. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From—58th Div. Message—Limit of delay must be earliest date you can complete your narrative. Div. narrative cannot be complete until yours is received. Bare statement of facts will suffice. A polished narrative is not required.

Hour—13:50. Sent to—131 Inf. Regt. From Liaison Forces. Message—Reference Par. 9 Liaison Force Order No. 5. 9th M.G. Co. will relieve 13th M.G. Co. during the night 18th, 19th inst., under orders of G.O.C. 13th Inf. Bde. Nos. 1 on each gun in line of 13th M.G. Co. will remain with guns in line during tonight and will rejoin 13th M.G. Co. 19th inst. 9th Fld. Co. will relieve 13th Fld. Co. tomorrow morning 19th inst. Above reliefs to be arranged between Commanders concerned. Orders for Medical reliefs will be issued by A. D. M. S. I. F. Orders for move of 13th Bde. grouped from SAILLY-le-Sec. area tomorrow will be issued later.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—Lt. Schultz, L. O. 131 5th Aust. Div. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—In compliance with L. F. P. D. S. Order of 16th Aug. Par. 10, officers on Liaison duty will visit the Hqs. of the formation they represent once daily in order to keep fully in touch with the situation.

Hour—14:30. Sent—All units 131 Inf. From—C. O. 131st. Message—You will prepare your area, trench stores, orders, maps, etc., for handing over on short notice. Have area policed, stores counted, a list of salvage left in area and transport notified at once.

Hour—17:50. Sent to—Liaison Fs. 13th & 15th Aus. Bdes. M. G. & T. M. 131 290 Art. Bde. From Opr. Off. 131st. Message—Fighting patrol of one officer and 16 O.R.s will operate along the immediate front, northward from L32d2.0 to L20d7.3 toward LANEUVILLE. Will leave at 10:00 p. m. and return not later than 3:00 a. m. Aug. 19th.

Hour—17:50. Sent to—do. From—do. 131st. Message—Reconnoitering Patrol of 4 men will reconnoitre from near L33a proceed east to near cross roads L28c thence reconnoitre rd. northward to town of LANEUVILLE. Will start at 10:15 p. m. tonight and return not later than 3:00 a. m. Aug. 19th.

Hour—18:00. Sent to—131st Inf. From—Liaison Force. Message—Evening report. Situation quiet throughout. Light scattered shelling GRESSAIRE WOOD K29c and K25a by 4.2s. Five enemy aeroplanes patrol forward area.

Hour—18:45. Sent to—131st Inf. From—Liaison Force. Message—Please make following working parties for the night party of 3 ofers. and 150 O. R. from Res. Bn. to stand by in present quarters ready to move off & send an officer to 13th Inf. Bde. Hq. at 9:15 p. m. to meet representative of 13th Fld. Co. Detail similar party to stand by and send officer to meet 13th Fld. Co. representative at 50th Bn.

Hq. K23b8.2 at 9:15 p. m. Above parties to carry pick and shovel per man if possible or tools in proportion two shovels to one pick. Detail party of 1 officer and 50 O. R. to report to 50th Bn. Hq. K32b8.2 at 9:20 p. m. for wiring.

Hour—XX. Sent to—131st Inf. From—L. F. Message—Following from 5th Aust. Div. begins Left Bde. reports one prisoner 87th Inf. 21st Div. captured in woods by daylight patrol in which Americans participated. Our party killed six enemy.

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Hour—4:40. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Have your Bn. stand by at once for situation which may develop. Acknowledge.

Hour—4:45. Sent to—Liaison Fs. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Morning sit: Enemy Art. very active on left flank between 4 and 5 a. m. shelling K19b K24 a& d. K23 B & c and K27c.

Hour—4:55. Sent to—131st Inf. From—Liaison Fs. Message—Sit. Report: Sit. quiet Enemy Art. active from 3:30 to 4:30 a. m. GRESSAIRE WOOD K23a & c shelled by 4.2" and 5.9s" from N. E. also shelled K19b K24a & b and K24b & c Prisoners Nil. Wind S. W. 10 M. P. H.

Hour—7:45. Sent to—131st Inf. R. From—RUZO. Message—Patrols on R. Bn. front greatly hindered by M. G. fire L. Bn. patrols succeeding in establishing 2 advance posts. Details later. No enemy patrols seen.

Hour—XX. Sent to—131 Inf. R. From—Liaison Fs. Message—Reference L. F. Order No. 6 and L. F. 139. The 11th A. I. Bde. Hq. will be established at J29e Cent. and not at J32b8.2 as previously ordered.

Hour—13:45. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—One guide per plat. and 3 guides per Co. Hq. will meet and guide incoming Bn. which in your case is 35th Bn. A. I. F. Guides will meet Australians at B. H. Q. tonight August the 19th at 10 p. m.

Hour—14:20. Sent to—xx. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—Refer to F. O. 24 Par. No. 5 Location of 1st Bn. should read P18a.3.3.

Hour—15:00. Sent to—Liaison Fs. 33rd Div. 66th Bde. 13 & 15 Aust. Bdes. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Evening Sit: Sit. quiet throughout between 12:30 and 1:30 p. m. 25 5.9s" fell in area K22d and K29e Cent.

Hour—19:00. Sent to—Bn. Transp O's. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Bridge at SAILLY-LAURETTE and SAILLY-le SEC cannot be used for transport. Using crossing at CHIPILLY.

Hour—19:35. Sent to—C.O. 131 Inf. From—R. I. O. P10b95.20. Message—Accommodations o.k. at indicated place, guide will be at cross roads mentioned.

Hour—23:10. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—Supt. Aye. Message—Your code call and location please.

Hour—23:50. Sent to—5th Aus. Div. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—Code Call "PEN0," new location after relief tonight will be P10b90.17. Wire will inform you of closing of these Hq.

Hour—23:30. Sent to—131 Inf. R. P10b90.17. From—C. O. 1st Bn. P18c3.3. Message—Stockyards.

Hour—23:50. Sent to—131 Inf. R. From—Liaison Force. Message—Warning Order: 131 Am. Inf. Regt. and 124th M. G. Bn. will be prepared to move from GAILLY Area to AUBIGNY area on afternoon of the 20th inst. and to come under orders of the 66th Am. Bde. upon arrival. Advance parties will be sent ahead to apply to area commandant AUBIGNY, for quarters for night 20th, 21st. 129th Am. Amb. Co. is moving to AUBIGNY under orders of ADMS. and to revert to Command of G. O. C.

66th Am. Bde. on arrival. No restriction is placed as to time route imposed. Distance of 500 yards between Bns. and 200 yds. between companies will be maintained. 131st Am. Regt. group will be prepared to move to POULAINVILLE area on 21st inst. 131st Regt. to report before time of departure to 3rd Aust. Div.

DATE—AUGUST 20th, 1918.

Hour—5:12. Sent to—Liaison Fs. From—PENO. Message—Finish.

Hour—5:15. Sent to—Liaison Fs. From—Opr. O. Message—Hq. of PENO at K32b4.3 closed at 5:15 A. M. reopened at P10b90.17 immediately.

Hour—5:15. Sent to—Peho. From—PENO K32b4.3. Message—Can you give Hq. any news about the affair last night. We want to know if it has been progressing o.k. or is near completion.

Sent to—Peno. From—Adj. 1st Bn. Message—Morning Situation Report, 1st Bn. at P18c3.3 Situation quiet.

Hour—13:50. Sent to—131 Inf. From—3rd Aust. Message—Move in accordance Liaison Force Message L.F. 147 of 19th Inst.

DATE—SEPT. 25th, 1918.

Hour—9:00. Sent to—1-2-3 Bns., 131st Inf. From—C.O. 131. Message—Just received from Platte the following message: “Axis of Liaison of 319th Inf. is as follows: 1st P.C. 9235; 2nd P.C. Hill 281 7570; 3rd P.C. 7305. This regiment will maintain combat liaison with the 131st by means of two platoons of Inf. and 4 M.G.’s. Code name of regiment is “Haddie.”

DATE—SEPT. 26th, 1918.

Hour—3:50. Message—Regt. P.C. arrived at forward P.C. 198-737.

Hour—3:50. Sent to—66th Bde. From—131 P.C. Message—Sent Beefsteak or O.K. for 131 to 66th Bde. thru Davis.

Hour—3:55. Sent to—131 P.C. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Plymouth reported O.K.

Hour—5:30. Sent to—XX. Message—Barrage fell at 5:30 with T.M. smoke screen.

Hour—5:40. Sent to—131 P.C. Message—Lt. Brown, Liaison Ofcr. with 80th Div. reported.

Hour—6:14. Sent to—XX. Message—No enemy retaliation (Art.) to this time.

Hour—6:35. Sent to—1st Bn. 131. From—131 P.C. Message—Ascertain if 3rd & 2nd Bns. have crossed river. Send back word by runner as to situation forward, especially in regards to crossing river.

Hour—7:08. Sent to—131 P.C. From—2nd Bn. 131. Message—2nd Bn. 131 at 5. 55 at 91-45 Map FORGES across River situation o.k.

Hour—7:40. Sent to—Lt. Col. 131. From 131 P.C. (foreword). Message—(Telephoned) Send Capt. Mangum word to have forward Regt. Aid Post follow forward P.C.

Hour—7:41. Sent to—131 P.C. From—319th Inf. Message—319th Inf.—everything running smoothly.

Hour—7:44. Sent to—131 P.C. From—131-I.O. Message—Pancake got good start.

Hour—8:05. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131. From—C.O. 131. Message—Have received no report from your Bn. You must send back situation report. Let me know how the line is progressing.

Hour—8:15. To—Opr. Ofer. From—C.O. 131. Message—“This is a Hell of a Fight—No fun at all.” (Conversation.)

Hour—8:25. Sent to—66th Bde. (Phoned) From—C.O. 131st Thru 3rd Bn. Sigs. Message—Bn. crossed river O.K. situation O.K. at 5:55, at 7:55 troops still going forward. No wounded reported as yet. Wounded from 132nd seen. Also prisoners coming back.

Hour—9:05. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—33rd Div. 1 thru 66th-7. Message—Is there any firing from east bank of MEUSE? Are the troops following barrage according to schedule?

Hour—9:15. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—2nd Bn. 131. Message—Line going 600 meters north of GERCOURT following barrage in liaison with right and left. Heavy shelling. Some shells of small calibre coming from East bank of MEUSE—Repeated to 66th Bde.

Hour—9:15. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Maj. Allen reports by runner at 7:15 unable to connect with left troops. We are slightly behind the barrage, 184-767, but will catch up in the next hour.

Hour—9:19. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—2nd Bn. 131. Message—8:10 have taken 1st line of enemy position, no resistance, position evacuated, casualties slight.

Hour—9:24. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—319th Inf. Message—(319th Inf.) 1st Bn. was in BETHINCOURT—2nd Bn. in KOVEL trenches—3rd Bn. in BALNAP. Latest news is that 1st and 2nd Bns. are through BETHINCOURT. 2 German prisoners of 136 LANDSTURM Inf. captured at 8:30.

Hour—9:30. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131. From—C.O. 131. Message—Are you now in touch with your left? Very important you advise us. We just received telephone message from 2nd Bn. that he is 600 meters north of GERCOURT. He is in touch with us by telephone. Regimental Aid Post moved to north of FORGES.

Hour—9:30. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. Sig. Forward. Message—Several German prisoners with two wounded American Inf. passed bound for P.C. 131st.

Hour—9:40. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131. From—C.O. 131 No. 7. Message—Your Medical Officer requests 50 stretcher bearers. If you cannot supply them, request C.O. of 1st Bn. on this authority to supply you with them. Will send pioneers to you if you will send guide.

Hour—9:45. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—131 1st Bn. Phoned thru 2nd Bn. 131. Message—We ran into leading Battalion on line approx. 7600. It is reported Division on left held up. 3rd Bn. Advancing. I am pushing up the hill past them.

Hour—9:50. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Connected with 319th Inf. on hill 227.

Hour—10:05. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—20 prisoners and 1 officer just left here—124th M.G. losing heavily. 132nd suffering large casualties.

Hour—10:25. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—2nd Bn. 131. Message—Men from 2nd Bn. (131) report E. Co. about one mile across river Forges. Casualties reported about 20, mostly from shrapnel; probably from going too close to our barrage. Still advancing without resistance.

Hour—10:37. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—2nd Bn. 131. Message—I am in liaison with 1st Bn. (131) Line continues to advance. Situation O.K.

Hour—11.10. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Lt. Brown, 131. Message—Relayed by R.I.O. at 12:50. Lt. Brown, our Liaison Officer with 319th Inf., cannot explain why no liaison between 319th and 131st, but they are only a short distance ahead of or beyond starting point—not complete.

Hour—11:35. Sent to—66th Bde. From—C.O. 131. Message—Objective apparently reached, Div. on left reported held up. 3rd Bn. not advancing. 1st Bn. have pushed on up hill past them. M.G. nests holding up 3rd Bn. Twenty prisoners.

Hour—11:50. Sent to—66th Bde. From—Opr. Off. 131. Message—Col. 131 left for forward about GERCOURT, telephoned 66th Bde. at same time.

Hour—11:50. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Arrived at our objective at 11 A.M., lost contact with 319th just outside of GERCOURT.

Hour—11:59. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Sgt. Int. Sec. 131. Message—Sgt. Yerkes, Int. Sec. 131 reports he was 300 yds from MEUSE and saw 2nd Bn. could not find 3rd Bn. Telephoned from post near DRILLANCOURT.

Hour—12:15. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—2nd Bn. 131. Message—Have reached objective we are consolidating our position.

Hour—12:29. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From 66th Bde. thru 33 Div. Message—Engineers with 131 will report at GALWITZ TUNNEL as soon as possible.

Hour—12:30. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—66th Bde. Message—Platte wishes a report as soon as possible confirming exactly whether or not objective has been reached.

Hour—12:30. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—66th Bde. Message—Order of 66th Bde. from 33rd Div. Engineers with 131 will report at entrance of GALLAWITZ tunnel as soon as practicable.

Hour—12:40. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—33rd Div. Message—Order relayed to 66th Bde. from 33rd Div. Make immediate reconnaissance of the crossings and bridges over the River MEUSE on your sector as to whether or not these crossings can be used by the Boche in a counter-attack. See so that immediate steps can be taken to guard against it. Full report to be made at earliest possible moment.

Hour—13:00. Sent to—Opr. Ofer. 131. From—2nd Bn. 131. Message—Have reached objective. We are consolidating our positions. reed. at 12:15 telephoned to forward P.C.

Hour—13:00. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—66th Bde. wishes a report as soon as possible confirming exactly whether or not objective has been reached.

Hour—13:05. Sent to—Opr. Ofer. 66th Bde. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—[Above confirmed and sent by wire].

Hour—13:40. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O. 3rd Bn. 131. Message—Have one platoon of 319th on my left. Was told balance will arrive tonight. This is a dangerous point—I will give this special attention.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—2nd Bn. 131. Message—Am in position. Disposition will follow, approx. 200 prisoners, 30 Machine Guns, 10 field pieces. Lt. Schrauer reported killed. Casualties light. Signal station at DRILLANCOURT.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Lt. Crow, T. M. O. 2nd Bn. 131. Message—Guns attached to 2nd Bn. could not keep up with advance and returned, no report from 1st & 3rd Bns. will do all possible to put guns in position as soon as they get up and will advise. Disposition later.

Hour—14:10. Sent to—66th Bde. From—Opr. Ofer. 131. Message—131 P.C. established at DRILLANCOURT at 13:30 o'clock. In stone house on FORGES-DRILLANCOURT-GERCOURT Road. Great enemy aerial activity. I am locating

troops. Start some reserves in this direction. Send ambulances and transports by way of FORGES through FORGES WOODS. Telephone line being established.

Hour—14:10. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O. 2nd Bn. 131. Message—Am in position, 132nd on right, 3rd Bn. 131 on left. Captured approx. 200 prisoners, 10 field pieces, 30 machine guns. Our front line is being heavily shelled from batteries in vicinity of Bois des MORVAUX, Lt. Schrauer reported killed. Casualties light.

Hour—14:26. Sent to—C.O. Co. B, Co. C, 108 Engrs. From—Opr. Ofer. 131. Message—Orders are that you report with your company at entrance of GALWITZ TUNNEL as soon as practical. I will advise you as to the wishes of the Colonel of this regiment as soon as I get in touch with him. Runners will tell you where to reach me.

Hour—14:28. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—I am sending message to engineer companies to hold themselves in touch with me so as to convey your wish as to 66th Bde. order.

Hour—14:45. Sent to—C.O. 3rd Bn. From—Opr. Ofer. 131. Message—Your message No. 1 just received. I am holding it up as Hill 227 mentioned is on co-ordinate 187-786 and 319th regt. should not be in our zone of action, please verify.

Hour—15:40. Sent to—Opr. Off. 131st. From B. I. O. 1st Bn. 131. Message—Situation quiet on our sector. Art. active E of MEUSE. What happened along the whole line today? What happened east of MEUSE? We reached our objective at 10:10 hr. Casualties very slight. Battery of guns about 6" captured. Three anti-tank guns taken. Two signal devices with batteries taken. Station complete. Innumerable papers and maps. Will send all in as soon as transportation can be arranged for. Our Aeroplane caught our line shortly after 10 hr. We want information.

Hour—15:45. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O. 1st Bn. 131. Message—C.O. 1st Bn. at 202-803. Communication with all in hand.

Hour—16:30. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131. Message—I have communication with paralysis and expect a reply to 66th Bde. message of 12:40 hr. I have also asked 2nd Bn. to let me know if he is in communication with his right and left. 66th Bde. wishes a report confirming the arrival on objective. I have received confirmation from 2nd Bn. and forwarded it to 66th Bde.

Hour—17:35. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Lt. Brown, L. O. 319th for 131. Message—131st troops reached objective between 14:00 and 15:00 hr. 319th Inf. held up at Bois de JURE by machine guns. I am sending copies of messages received by C.O. 319th from front.

Hour—17:45. Sent to—R. I. O. 131. From—R. I. O. 3rd Bn. Message—Arrived and took up position at 195-809 at 11 hr. Disposition: B.H.Q.—195-809—I Co. 198-816 to 197-814—K Co. 195-817 to 195-815—L Co. 194-815 to 191-813—M Co. two platoons 196-814 to 196-815, two platoons 195-814 to 195-815 M Co. P.C. 195-814.

Hour—23:00. Sent to—C.O. 66th Bde. From—Oper. Off. 131st. Message—Troops on our left are not on final objective. They have worked through Bois JURE at this hour. Have been unable to clean up point east of DANNEVOUX, which is full of M.G. We have been shelled by batteries in Bois des Moriaux firing bursts on our lines every ten minutes. Troops on our left have sent for artillery to clean up. Enemy aeroplane active, no retaliation from our side. MEUSE River is being patrolled by standing patrols at vital points, consisting of 2 officers and 44 men. Engineer Companies attached have been notified to report to GALWITZ TUNNEL. Gas companies are on the alert to aid in case of need. Strength report and casualty report will be forwarded in morning. Your message regarding PARTICIPATE noted. Our artillery the 212 French is able to throw barrage along our front on MEUSE River bottom, but

cannot fire beyond 82nd co-ordinate on account of range. Enemy aeroplanes flew over troops during afternoon and fired with M.G. along our line.

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COPIES OF 319th INF. REGT. FORWARDED THRU LIAISON OFFICER.

Hour—9:14. Sent to—L. O. 319th. From—Bde. Hq. Message—Give me location of your front line.

Hour—9:15. Sent to—C. O. 319th. From—Bn. 319th. Message—Request two companies as re-enforcements 75.70.

Hour—9:30. Sent to—C. O. 319th. From—Bde. Hq. Message—Commanding Gen. Hayes directs that Combat trains move forward at once.

Hour—9:55. Sent to—C. O. 319th. From—Bde. Hq. Message—Are you in liaison with Regt. on your right? When do you contemplate moving forward your P. C.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 319th. From—C. O. 1st Bn. 319th. Message—The Bois de JURE M. G. nests put out of action by Stokes Mortar and A. & G. platoons from C. & D. Companies. A platoon from G. Co. in conjunction with 33rd Div. are mopping up Bois de JURE and will then proceed to corps objective.

Hour—13:45. Sent to—C. O. 319th. From—R. I. O. 319th. Message—Have been observing for several minutes (cannot say what unit) toward the west of Bois de JURE. Have seen two of our men hit and 4 of our shells dropped on or near the woods in the last 15 minutes. Several Huns are retreating across the open fields to large woods immediately behind.

Hour—14:45. Sent to—C. O. 319th. From—Bn. 319th. Message—175-805. Have encountered strong M. G. opposition. By reason of exhausted condition of men of my Bn. and the disorganization of the units I do not feel the battalion should move on to the Army objective or corps objective on the left of Bn. Sector. Want to know your wishes and plans. Liaison with 319th never established.

Hour—14:47. Sent to—C. O. 319th. From—Bn. 319th. Message—175-805. One-pounders have not been able to catch up nor have field pieces. Can you aid in getting these to me?

Hour—15:15. Sent to—C. O. 319th. From—2nd Bn. 319th. Message—No further change in position, still on W. & N. edge of Bois de JURE, approx. disposition sketched on back. Digging trenches. No contact with 320th on left. They are in rear apparently. Shall I withdraw E. to edge of Bois de JURE, where I can re-organize a passage of lines over?

Hour—15:55. Sent to—C. O. 319th. From—Bde. Hq. Message—Staff Officer has gone to artillery requesting fire on objects mentioned.

Hour—XX. Sent to—XX. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—Location of Machine Guns 7612, 7205, 7912, Whiz Bangs 75.12. No allies in Bois DANNEVOUX, 3" field gun at 66.19 and 82.26.

SEPTEMBER 27th, 1918.

Hour—00:55. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Give Bearer message for 1st Bn.

Hour—4:50. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. 132. Message—Reply your message No. 9, the left of Co. L. is at .0093 in touch with your Co. A. Is far enough to right and 2nd Bn. will move over and connect with your Co. A.

Hour—5:00. Sent to—Lt. Col. 131. From—C. O. 131. Message—Send up Tucker with side car with some tea or coffee and food for wounded men. Must come via BETHINCOURT. Rush this; let me hear from you.

Hour—6:10. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—L. O. 319. Message—At 7:15 last evening C. O. 319th Inf. placed his Bn. along woods N. GERCOURT and attacked. No news of 1st; 2nd held up at other edge woods. 3rd Bn. reached objective (high ground by river thru DANNEVOUX); C. O. 319th Inf. took his staff toward DANNEVOUX at 8 P. M. last evening. They were caught in an enemy barrage and C. O. 319th has not returned. No news of several other officers.

Hour—6:15. Sent to—C. O. 319th. From—131st Inf. Message—Situation along our front was quiet during the night; no report of any counter attacks. Let me know more about 319th's whereabouts. If I can be of assistance let me know.

Hour—9:05. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—L. O. 319. Message—At 84.86, which is to be P. C. for the present, C. O. 319th is ordering his Battalion to attack this A. M. 3rd on right, 2nd center and 1st left. Report just received that 3rd and 2nd Bns. are to river. Engrs. were putting up wire obstacles in front Co. F. 319th at 11:30 P. M., Sept. 26th. C. O. 319th sent an order at 8:30 A. M., 27th, to all Bns., 319th to send patrols across river for purpose of locating enemy and his strength also to corroborate information previously secured.

Hour—9:10. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Lt. Col. Eddy 131. Message—Message received at 8:30 A. M., sending coffee and food cooked for 7 officers. Return side car in three hours and will send you boiled beef and beef broth. No rations reed. C. O. 33rd Div. must know whether sights were captured with the 10 big guns. Let me know conditions.

Hour—11:20. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—319th No. 2. Message—As far as I can learn Co. C. is on the left flank of line. On right are companies of 1st Bn. 2nd Bn. rumored to be in Bois MORVAUX in support 1st Bn. No further news of 3rd Bn. VILOSNES contains 2 companies enemy L. M. G. On other side of MEUSE are 2 companies batteries of L. Art., also 2 Bns. Infantry. [Information from injured prisoner.] Sniping from VILOSNES is continuous. BRIEULIES has many fires, undoubtedly the enemy is destroying large stores. This position is occasionally under shell and trench mortar fire. No doubt the slopes of these woods will be heavily shelled when guns are in position. VILOSNES should be shelled and all woods N. of VILOSNES for artillery. Apparently MORVAUX is free of enemy. Our Bns. occupy N. Slope. Stop enemy shelling by our own artillery.

Hour—12:55. Sent to—66th Bde. From—Malstrom. Message—There is no change in the disposition of units of this regiment.

Hour—13:10. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—319th L. O. Message—Sending copies of few important messages. It is not safe to put artillery fire on hill 294 occupied by 319th. P. C. 319th expects to move to DANNEVOUX tonight. When can we expect rations to come up? Enemy is retreating before 320 as 319 can take them in rear. Will P. C. 131 remain same position as now?

Hour—13:20. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—Lt. Col. Eddy. Message—66th Bde. reported this forenoon road through FORGES is open. Have told Harkness transport on the way, probably not reached you before evening. Harkness reports Bn. had reserve ammunition in forward trenches before jumping off. Shall we move H. Q. and when? Let me know about sights on captured cannon.

Hour—13:30. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Gas shelling intervals 5 minutes from direction of 226-810 hitting vicinity 193-808.

Hour—13:30. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Enemy have been dribbling distance of 50 yards between men at intervals throughout morning

from corner of Woods de CHAUME 219-819, disappearing at a point noted 214-821, at a point movement noted in quarry 207-816, recommend it be shelled.

Hour—13:35. Sent to—Lt. Brown, L. O. 319th. From—Malstrom. Message—No. 1 received O. K. No. 2 will check and send to artillery. No. 3 noted No. 4. We have had nothing since yesterday; we are expecting some today and will see that you are saved some. You should be rationed with 319th. No. 5 noted. No. 6 yes. No. 7 our casualties are slight. Will report later to you.

Hour—14:30. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—2nd Bn. 131. Message—Please advise us if you think it advisable to move under present circumstances. We are under direct observation and are being heavily shelled at the present time from 77 mm and 105mm. batteries and minenwerfers located approximately at 223-814 Bois de CHAUME WOODS. Please advise our Regtl. Liaison officer as our line is out.

Hour—16:30. Sent to—1st, 2nd, 3rd Bns. From—C. O. 131. Message—Information has made it imperative that you immediately send out scouts to cover the entire west bank of the river on your front. These scouts will receive instructions from you to be especially watchful for any indications of the enemy laying bridges across the MEUSE or any crossing on the bridges already in existence. You will also establish listening posts well forward and instruct them to watch for signs indicating bridge laying or men of the enemy forming up for crossing the river.

You will give all scouts and listening posts men the word "EDDY" as a countersign and password. All scouts and listening posts men will be warned to shoot anyone unable to give the countersign. Scouts and listening posts men will not be out later than 4:30 A. M., as barrage may fall short if same is ordered. You will cover all bridges from the other side by Machine guns. The Major of the left battalion will be watchful of liaison between his left and the right flank of 319th Inf. and be prepared to protect the same. Acknowledge.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Wish you would have a few heavy shells directed on 222-813 and from right to left on edge of this co-ordinate.

Hour—17:16. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—L. O. 319th. Message—Report has just been received here that the 314th M. G. Bn. is being withdrawn from left of 131st. Enemy observation posts in SIVRY-sur-SOMME are directing heavy artillery fire on 2nd Bn. 319th, causing many casualties. 319th wishes to know if 33rd Div. has any artillery that could be spared to bear on enemy artillery. There is talk of 160th Bde. being relieved tonight. If so, do I go with them?

Hour—17:30. Sent to—319th L. O. From—Malstrom. Message—Our artillery cannot reach it. We have passed the word to artillery on their left to stand by as soon as you inform us of map co-ordinates of battery firing on you, also O. P. directing fire. We take it your message should read SIVRY sur MEUSE instead of SIVRY sur SOMME.

Hour—17:30. Sent to—319th L. O. From—Malstrom. Message—We have no 314 M. G. Bn. Let me know if they are on your right attached to you. We are moving no M. G. except to better our defenses in liaison with 319th. Advise quick.

Hour—18:00. Sent to—Officer of Gas Co. 1st Regt. From—Mastrom. Message—Would like one of the officers to report back with runner to 131st P. C.

Hour—18:30. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Our artillery falling short on square 20-80, 209-804.

Hour—18:40. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 319th. Message—314th M. G. is attached to our right and has been ordered withdrawn. Artillery O. P. directing fire on our line is in SIVRY-sur-MEUSE. Artillery evidently on high ground S. E. of HARAUMONT.

Hour—18:55. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—L. O. 319th. Message—No. 1. Don't expect 319th to move from present location. No. 2. Position 319th becoming untenable due to artillery fire of enemy. Operations 319th sending information regarding that.

Hour—19:00. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—12th Bn. French. Message—An Italian plane is flying along the front, Italy to London, throwing propaganda. Nothing is known as to the type. The French Comdr. in Chief asks every precaution be taken to prevent its being mistaken for a German plane. Proper Hdqrs. and services will notify aviators, anti-aircraft guns and all troops concerned.

Hour—19:15. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—33rd Div. Message—Table Annex No. 6 of the plan of liaison will go into effect at midnight.

Hour—20:19. Sent to—C. O. 319. From—3rd Bn. 319. Message—Have concealed position 100 yds. from River. Will complete exploitation of new front. From prisoners we learn that most of enemy has crossed river. Have seen nothing of 319.

Hour—21:00. Sent to—1st-2nd-3rd Bns. 131. From—C. O. 131. Message—Reserve ammunition dump will be in gun emplacement on GERCOURT-CONSEN-VOYE ROAD 204-794, quantity not known.

Hour—21:05. Sent to—C. O. 319th. From—C. O. 131. Message—Report from our left states enemy forming up on east bank of MEUSE on the front. (Pliable) 131 is prepared to meet them, also to support your right if developments make it necessary to do so. Situation well in hand.

Hour—21:30. Sent to—66th Bde. No. 11. From O. O. 131. Message—Confirming telephone report—crossing and bridges were made a subject of thorough reconnaissance and investigation. They are covered by standing patrols and with enfilading fire from 15 M. G.s on dominating hill. The bridges covered are at 208-811 and 217-790. Bn. Comdrs. report the river not fordable at other points.

Hour—21:55. Sent to—C. O. 319. From—2nd Bn. 319. Message—Co. E. in position from 7030-8434. Co. G. in 8026-8627. Co. F. just locating they will extend from Co. E. right to 9730. Requests some M. G.'s to consolidate with. Also Stokes Mortar. Need 500 rifle grenades and 800 hand grenades. Artillery will be safe on reverse slope this position. 320th Inf. has not advanced.

Hour—22:00. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 319th. Message—Message received, our right Bn. advised to keep careful watch for counter-attack. Our artillery notified of troops moving on east bank of MEUSE.

Hour—23:00. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 319th. Message—Capt. Glass Bn. (317th) and Capt. Wilson's M. G. Co. Morgans artillery sent to Major Montagne. 2nd Bn. 319th DANNEVOUX has been evacuated.

Hour—23:20. Copy sent to—C. O. 131. From—P. C. 3rd Bn. 131. Message sent to 314 M. G.—I am in receipt of your verbal message by Lt. Sexauer, B. I. O. of my battalion that you are evacuating your position on account of it being too dangerous for your men.

Hour—23:35. Sent to—66th Bde. From—Malstrom. Message—Under orders of Capt. Pond, Co. A. 1st Gas Regt. Detachment Co. A. with this Regt. moved at 7 P. M. to P. C. ALEXANDRIA, Lt. Cooper Comdg.

Hour—23:45. Sent to—3rd Bn. 132. From—Malstrom. Message—Be on the alert tonight for Pliable in case of need.

Hour—24:00. Sent to—1st-2nd-3rd Bns. 131 Inf. From—Malstrom. Message—An Italian plane is flying along the front line from Italy to London throwing propaganda. Nothing is known as to type. The French Comdr. in Chief desires every precaution taken to prevent its being mistaken for German plane. Proper headquarters and services will notify aviators and aircraft guns and all troops concerned.

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Hour—00:25. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—L. O. 319. Message—An officer sent from here (84.86) to explore Bois BRIEULLES has returned with the information that 320th has been held up on N. W. corner of its sector by M. G.s. The 4th Div. is fighting in Bois BRIEULLES. The enemy are reported as digging in on hill 280. The 1st and 2nd Bns. 319th have been shelled quite heavily by enemy artillery, which got a direct hit on 2nd Bn. H. Q. C. O. 319th has ordered them to make any changes in line advisable and still hold the ground. 1st Bn. reports that the only bridge across MEUSE near VILOSNES is swept by M. G. fire and river cannot be crossed except by bridge (time report written 10:55). C. O. 319th has revoked order regarding patrols crossing MEUSE for information. Artillery is going to shell VILOSNES. Enemy artillery thought to be in Bois CHATILLON, also back of SIVRY-sur-MEUSE. Saw Lt. Cohrs (2nd Bn. Supply Officer 131) and he said that the 131 transports were back a short distance from here (84.86).

Hour—2:25. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 132nd. Message—Am on alert and ready. All units notified.

Hour—7:15. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—L. O. 319. Message—No new developments on 319th front. They are preparing to meet any counter-attack that the Germans might pull off. A heavy barrage was laid on left of 320 this A. M. (I think 319th are expecting to move tonight.)

Hour—7:40. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—33rd Div. Message—Report from 66th Bde. indicates that enemy is planning attack—CELOMES-SUZSAY, surmises along the bend of river they extend further.

Hour—7:45. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—Lt. Col. Eddy. Message—33rd Div. much excited over your report as to forming up for counter-attack by enemy. Further information wanted at once.

Hour—8:00. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—Co. B. 131. Message—Patrol report—1 officer and 2 O. R.s. Purpose to ascertain situation on our left bank. 319th connect with us along bank of river thru Bois de MORVAUX, consolidated on bank of river. They connect with 320th in Bois de DANNEVOUX and consolidated 320th connects with 4th Div. at .07.10-81.20.

Hour—8:45. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—L. O. 319th, 84.86. Message—Cannot locate or get any information regarding barrage on 4th Div. on left 320 2nd Bn. 319 reports sector quiet at 5 A. M. Town of VILOSNES blown up by enemy mines at 5:30 A. M. At 11:30 P. M. (27th) artillery had enemy ducking. 2nd Bn. has withdrawn outposts to railroad (which railroad is not known). Co. F. 319th reports bridges blown up by Bosch on its front (near VILOSNES).

Hour—10:25. Sent to—C. O. 319. From—Malstrom. Message—Troops on your left plainly seen from our O. P. at this hour. They are advancing into woods, SEPTSARGES and are about 2 kilometers in. The action from our position seems to go favorably. Our front is now well arranged. I will send you location map as soon as made. Lt. Brown will stay in liaison on our left. If 319th is relieved he will stay with incoming unit and continue to function.

Hour—13:20. Sent to—1st & 3rd Bns. 131. From—C. O. 131. Message—Each Bn. Comdr. will send patrols across the MEUSE river tonight, Sept. 28-29, for the purpose of locating the position held by the enemy on our front. Reports will reach this office immediately after daylight tomorrow morning, Sept. 29th, 1918.

Hour—13:30. Sent to—L. O. 319. From—Malstrom. Message—I note your message regarding the revoking of patrol order by 319th. Our patrols are going across tonight. Have your 319th watch out tonight if they note movement, not to fire on friendly patrols. I will keep you advised. Are you rationed all night?

Hour—13:30. Sent to—132nd. From—Malstrom. Message—131 is sending patrols across river MEUSE, 28-29, for the purpose of locating position of enemy. Notify your battalion of this AND NOT to fire on friendly troops. Our Liaison officer, with 319th reports that 320th have been held up by M. G. on the N. W. cor. of its sector. 4th Div. is fighting in Bois BRIEULLES. Enemy digging in on hill 280. Our O. P. reports movement in HARAUMONT and along the road HARAUMONT-ECUREY. Town of VILOSNES reported blown up by enemy. Also bridge blown up near VILOSNES. (Report from 319th Liaison.)

Hour—14:30. Sent to—3rd Bn. 132. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Your message 3:10 P. M. noted. We have a post, 1 platoon of C. A. of the 1st Bn. located at 09-93 as per orders No. 16-66th Bde. We cannot go below this point unless ordered. If your troops are to be withdrawn let me know from where. I will compare your disposition with ours and make corrections.

Hour—15:10. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. 132. Message—According to plan Co. L. of my Bn. was to be withdrawn and the territory is to be taken over by you and Bn. on my right. I wish to withdraw my company tonight. The Bn. on right is ready to take over. Please advise if you will take over your front.

Hour—16:00. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—L.O. 319th. Message—Patrols from 319th crossed river this A. M. One was fired upon 200 yds across and returned without information. The other had not returned when message was sent. C.O. 319th wishes you to inform 131st 1st Bn. that 319th expects to have patrols out tonight also. Get rations from 319th. Can you spare me a map showing beyond curve in MEUSE at VILOSNES.

Hour—16:10. Sent to—66th Bde. & 33rd Div. From—Opr. Ofer. 131 Inf. Message—Disposition of 131 Inf. Regt. Regt. P.C. 195-781, 1st Bn. P.C. 193-796, 2nd Bn. P.C. 199-779, 3rd Bn. P.C. 195-808.

Hour—16:25. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. 132. Message—Not commenced to arrange move of Co. L. tonight. Will arrange move for tomorrow night.

Hour—16:30. Sent to—3rd Bn. 132. From—C.O. 131st. Message—Your message just received is not clear. I do not know where your Company L is located or where we will have to look out for a gap between the lines of 131st and 132.

Hour—16:30. Sent to—Lt. Beaman. From—Opr. Ofer. 131 Inf. Message—You will see that fast message service is available for communication with 33rd Div. No. 1 from 4:30 A. M. on morning of 30/9/18 and every morning thereafter.

Hour—16:30. Sent to—1st & 3rd Bns. 131. From—Opr. Ofer. 131 Inf. Message—You will instruct your troops that patrols will be out on the front of the regiment on our left the 319th. Caution your troops not to fire on friendly patrols.

Hour—16:45. Sent to—33rd Div. No. 7. From—Opr. Ofer. 131 Inf. Message—Disposition of 131 as above at 16:10 hr.

Hour—17:00. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Whiz Bang in woods at 219-804 in action, recommend a little shelling. French Art. fired as ordered.

Hour—17:35. Sent to—1, 2, 3rd Bns. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131 Inf. Message—You will send in a disposition report to reach this office by 7 A.M. 29-9-18, showing location of Bn. & Co. Hqrs. M.G. & Automatic Rifle posts, Aid Stations, Dumps, OP's and T.M.s.

Hour—17:40. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—33rd Div. Message—There are cannon at 198-782. The General directs that the Colonel place a guard over these cannon to prevent anyone removing any parts thereof and any instrument.

Hour—18:00. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Padlock No. 1 [C.O. 3rd Bn. 131st]. Message—A patrol of one officer and 15 O.R. will patrol across MEUSE River from 209-811, working easterly and northerly. They will leave at 9 P. M., crossing bridge at

208-810, returning through same point before dawn. Password PINE, notify all concerned.

(The message just above, repeated to 319th Inf. 132nd Inf. 1st Bn. 131st Inf.)

Hour—19:20. Sent to—212th Regt. F. A. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Patrols will be out from 131st on our front on the east bank of the River MEUSE to get in touch with the enemy tonight. Warn all concerned.

Hour—19:45. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—319th L.O. Message—319th Inf. is not to be relieved tonight, their patrols unable to cross river in daylight. Report has just come in that the Germans are driving toward left flank of 319th as 320th has not closed gaps yet.

Hour—19:45. Sent to—66th Bde. No. 7. From—131st Opr. Ofer. Message—Patrols will be out from 131st on our front on the east bank of the River MEUSE to get in touch with the enemy tonight. Warn all concerned. (Repeated to PERJURY, Am. Art. 52nd Bde.) 212th Art. Regt. [French.]

Hour—20:00. Sent to—1st Bn. 131. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—Correction of patrol order of 28-9-18. (It read) regarding message No. 4 this date 1:30 P.M. (correction) Regarding message No. 2 this date 1:20 P. M.

Hour—20:50. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—319th L. O. Message—Information just received that 319th is being relieved tonight at 10.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O. 132nd. Message—I am moving my Regt. P.C. on Sept. 29th. Report reached me this evening that 2nd Bn. of your Regt. has taken possession of P.C. intended for me. Please issue necessary instructions for having such quarters vacated if you find 2nd Bn. in my area.

Hour—XX. Sent to C.O. 131st & Lt. Belt. From—Capt. Wilson. Message—You will take patrol of ten men and cross River MEUSE at bridge 207-809 and gain contact with enemy to East and South of bridge. Take men lightly clad so they can swim if necessary. Sgt. Cook will accompany you with party of 10 men. Make your own dispositions. If conditions warrant change plan to meet them. Patrol to cross one-half hour after patrol from 3rd Bn. 131. Keep me advised. Gain information of roads and ascertain if river can be crossed at any other point than bridge. Return so I can report to 1st Bn. 131 by 4 A.M.

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Hour—2:20. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Co. A 131 209-799. Message—My patrol reached bridge 208-810 after 3rd Bn. 131 had gotten there. Got in connection with 3rd Bn. patrol. Found no roads. Bridge at 208-810 destroyed. Found dam across river passable for one man at a time. 3rd Bn. is crossing.

Hour—3:10. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—1st Bn. 131st Co. A. Message—Phoned in after sending message 24 bridge at 208-810 is destroyed only short span left. The dam is still intact is 1 yard wide.

Hour—3:10. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Adj. 1st Bn. 131st. Message—(Attached is New York's (Co. A. 131) patrol report. He is sending in another more complete. He just told me that up to 3 A.M. his listening post had not heard any trouble after 3rd Bn. patrol went over bridge.

Hour—3:35. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Co. A. 131st. Message—Lt. Belt reports on questioning that 3rd Bn. patrol crossed about 2 o'clock and said he was to stay out until dawn. Sgt. Cook who was man mentioned in report as crossing dam says in his judgment it was a trap to take men across. Fiedler had not returned when Lt. Belt left.

Hour—XX. Sent to C.O. 131st. From—Lt. Belt. Message—PATROL RE-

PORT—Lt. Belt. Strength, 1 officer—10 men, left 202-802 at 10 P.M. returned 202-802 at 3 A.M. Object as per order. The patrol left the map reference stated above and proceeded along the front to 3rd Bn. sector where I got in touch with B. Co., who placed me on the path leading to the bridge at 207-801. This path is bad in most places. At a point which I believe is about 206-809 my patrol was challenged and at that point I found a patrol commanded by Lt. Fiedler who was at that time trying to find a bridge across. I later met Lt. Fiedler and we finally found a bridge at 207-801. This bridge has been destroyed. It projects over the stream about 5 yds on the east bank. The stream I judge to be about 50 yds wide with a strong current and is not fordable. I reconnoitered the east bank of the MEUSE several hundred yds and at a point about 208-808, we found a concrete dam leading over the river. This dam is about 1 yd. wide and though it is possible to cross is no place to take a patrol over because they must walk over the top of this dam. This dam was crossed by one man who found two power houses on the east side which were unoccupied. I found no good roads in this vicinity. Encountered no friendly patrols other than the one commanded by Lt. Fiedler. Observation was very poor owing to extreme darkness and heavy rain.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Lt. Fiedler. Message—PATROL REPORT—Lt. Fiedler. Strength, 1 officer—15 men of Co. K, Left L Co. right post at 206-801 at 10 P.M. 28-9-18, with orders to cross river and gain information as to enemies lines on our Battalion front, also to gain information as to marsh, bridge and river. Attached sketch shows route of patrol and ground covered. The first bridge is but a plank across the creek. The second bridge is about 12 feet wide and about 16 feet long across a creek that is about 4 feet deep. The third bridge is about the same as the second, both are wooden, low bridges suitable for wagon traffic. The third bridge has railings on each side about 3 feet high. The bridge shown the map has been destroyed. It was of wood 12 feet wide. There is about 40 feet of left extending but a short distance over river. 8 x 8 timbers, about 2 feet apart, support 2 inch floor. River is about 100 feet wide and has a current about one-half as fast as the Chicago River. It has steep banks 6 to 10 feet all along. This river is not fordable. My Sergeant tried to ford it but 6 feet out it was up to his chest and he was sinking deeper into the mud. Tried to cross at two places, after finding river unfordable met 1st Bn. Patrol who said they were just reconnoitering our bank of the river. Went to dam with Lt. and his and my sergeant, 1st Bn. Sgt. Crossed dam, inspected two houses at end of dam and found them ruined and unoccupied. Went further and crossed bridge over canal which is suitable for all traffic. Road near Canal about 8 feet wide, but has narrow gauge tracks on its center through whole length. As we were halted, 1 German officer and 6 men came traveling south along the road. We hid and waited for them. They came up and when we halted them said they were German kamarades, thinking that we were Austrians. Then someone dropped a grenade and it went off, wounding five Germans, one of whom we brought back. (Paul Klee) Gefreiter of 33rd Pioneers, who claimed that they were going down to blow up the bridge we came over. The other 2 Germans fled and escaped. Brought back one of my men who was wounded severely in head. All our men came back leaving but the four Germans wounded there. We returned the same route and reported in at Bn. P. C. at 5:10 A. M., wounded prisoner sent to Bn. 1st Aid. No enemy position located. Enemy through up no lights. Enemy M.G. firing about 100 yds. to our right. Prisoner states that Austrians are on our right and that the Germans have about 3 divisions here now and does not know whether they will counter-attack. He says that they are afraid of an attack by us. States also that enemy has many M.G. and that he had supervised the construction of 13 nests. Could not state where they are. Does not know

German lines. My first message was written in the rain and dark. The bearer knew its contents and this verbal message should have been sent forward also.

Hour—5:00. Sent to—33rd Div. C.G. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Enclosed is patrol report from 2nd Patrol sent out to locate enemy across River MEUSE. Other reports will follow as soon as sent back. Also reports from 1st Patrol. This report arrived at 131st P.C. at 4:13 and is relayed by mounted messenger.

Hour—5:06. Sent to—C.O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—A lot of scrap paper came in with undecipherable reading. Same is held here waiting a correct patrol report from you as per orders No. 2 1:20 P.M. 9-28-18. Make your reports clear and tabulated as to strength of patrols, route taken, orders issued, and information gained. Message received is useless. Will hold you responsible to Div. for results.

Hour—5:20. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O. 3rd Bn. 131. Message—Patrol returned at 5:10 A.M. bringing one German prisoner (wounded) badly, wounded four others who they were compelled to leave. Two escaped. Lt. Fiedler who was in command of patrol is making out detailed report which I will forward to you upon completion. One of our men seriously wounded, 2 slightly wounded. We are sending wounded German and our own men to dressing station at DRILLAN-COURT. Statement of prisoner—115 Div. 33rd Regt. Pioneers. States 3 divisions are in our front. Has plenty of heavy artillery and Machine Guns.

Hour—6:00. Sent to—M.O. 131st. From—Capt. —. Message—Notify C.O. 131 that you have wounded German prisoner at your dressing station.

Hour—6:35. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—L.O. 129th. Message—C.O. 129 and part of staff arrived here about 4:30. Troops of 129th are now relieving troops 319th, no information as to how relief proceeding.

Hour—8:45. Sent to—G-1 33rd Div. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Attached are reports as follows: (1) Patrol report from Lt. Fiedler with sketch. (2) Personal interrogation of prisoner Paul Klee, while being attended by surgeon. (3) Document captured and translation of same. Other report to follow.

Hour—9:30. Sent to—C.O. 33rd Div. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—(1) Attached is Patrol Report No. 1 (complete) (2) 131 I.O. is sending another dossier of documents just forwarded. (3) Two personal letters from C.O. 131st.

Hour—11:15. Sent to—C.O. 2nd Bn. 131st. From—131 Opr. Ofer. Message—132nd has notified us he has information you are occupying his quarters. He wants to move in. It is advisable to communicate with him as to the rest of the Battalion as they are in his area. Advise where you are moving to and when. Advise as to 132nd's decision and have him write us if he allows your battalion in its present position.

Hour—11:30. Sent to—C.O. Can. Plat. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—You will report to Major Allen and go forward to locate positions dominating and controlling the bridges over the MEUSE River on our front. You will make a report on situation as soon as practicable.

Hour—12:00. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—L. O. 129th. Message—P.C. 129th Inf. moved to 171-783. No information returned regarding relief of 319th Inf.

Hour—16:40. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—L.O. 129th. Message—Relief of 319th completed this A.M. at 7. Everything quiet at front.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—2nd Bn. 131. Message—2nd Bn. 131 received (Malstrom) memo in moving from this area.

Hour—XX. Sent to—132-129-66th Bde. 52nd Bde. F. A. From—Malstrom. Message—131 patrols will operate along West bank of RIVER MEUSE tonight, notify all troops accordingly.

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Hour—10:10. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—L. O. 129th. Message—129th desires a copy of 131 disposition as 319th failed to turn over their copy. 129th suffering heavily from shell fire from the east, but cannot locate the hostile batteries. If you have a supply of candles could you spare a few? 129th desires information regarding 131 that would be of value to them.

Hour—12:00. Sent to—129 Inf. From—Malstrom. Message—A disposition report with sketch was sent to 129th at 6 P. M., 29th, by runner. Am enclosing a trace of disposition of 28-9-18, and will send another showing minor connection as soon as completed.

Hour—18:00. Sent to—Malstrom. Memo. from Platte. The following message received from Platte (66th Bde.) at 5:05 today. "Make up your own pass word for night patrols, arranging with 132nd. Do not make these arrangements over wire."

Hour—18:48. Sent to—132-129-1st & 2nd Bns. 131. From—Malstrom. Message—Our pass word for tonight's patrols will be "ROBERT." They will operate in front of our sector on west side of MEUSE.

Hour—19:10. Sent to—Toomey [15 CM. Bty.]. From—Peru thru Patterson. Message—Peru directs that Toomey will not fire tonight because it will endanger 131 troops. (Peru 104th Artillery.)

Hour—19:15. Sent to—Toomey. From—104th Art. thru Malstrom. Message—"Patterson" (33rd Div.) directs by phone that you do not fire tonight as ordered, because you are endangering 131 troops.

Hour—19:30. Sent to—Adj. 3rd Bn. From—C. O. 131. Message—There will be one officer and a sentry squad posted in vicinity of DAM at 208-210 from Dark to Dawn, acknowledge. (Acknowledge 7:30 by phone.)

Hour—20:25. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—66th Bde. Message—The French may attack opposite you tonight. We may be shelled when they attack.

Hour—20:42. Sent to—1st-2nd & 3rd Bns. 131. From—Malstrom. Message—WARNING. The French may have a little fun over on the right and front tonight. Jerry may come back with his heavies, you will understand if they do.

Hour—21:30. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—Malstrom. Message—Notify Colonel that Malstrom has maps showing disposition of units as desired by 66th Bde. Ask Colonel if he has any message for Malstrom. He will be at RETHEL tonight. 66th Bde. says everything is O. K. including patrols.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—1st Bn. C. O. Message—Location of Co. C. is changed to Co. Hq. 187-789, troops in the immediate vicinity.

Hour—23:30. Sent to—1st-2nd-3rd Bns. 131 & 132. From—R. I. O. 131. Message—66th Bde. directs you be advised of possibility of enemy attack from direction of CONSENVOYE.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 15 C. M. Btry. Message—A test fire of one salvo was fired from this battery this afternoon at 5 P. M. by order of the Brigade Commander, this in order to test recoil and action of the guns. No more firing will be done from this position until orders are received from C. O. 106th F. A. Lt. Hess of this battery reported to me you intended to move some of your troops on account of firing from this position. Am sending this so you will not have to unnecessarily move your troops.

Signed: G. O. TOOMEY,
1st Lt. Comd., 15CM. Bty.

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Hour—9:15. Sent to—131 Inf. From—106th F. A. Message—106th F. A. say they have everything covered on East bank of MEUSE, up as far as we go, also to DANNEVOUX, by other outfits farther. They can be had when needed thru regular way. (Rec'd thru 66th Bde.)

Hour—9:30. Sent to—66th Bde. From—Malstrom. Message—Disposition report Pliable (131) 6 A. M. 1-10-18. There is no change in the disposition of units of this regiment.

Hour—12:00. Sent to—French L. O. From—212 R. A. L. (French). Message—You will rejoin P. C. upon receipt of this order. The regiment being relieved today and the Hqtrs. will reach the NIXEVILLE WOOD at 16 o'clock.

Hour—12:00. Sent to—French L. O. From—212 R. A. L. Message—You will rejoin P. C. upon receipt of this order. The regiment being relieved today and the Hqtrs. will reach the NIXEVILLE WOOD at 16 o'clock.

Hour—16:10. Sent to—A. Co. 131. From—1st Bn. C. O. 193-796. Message—You will endeavor to send patrols across MEUSE tonight 8 P. M. by rafts as constructed crossing about 212-803 and patrolling other side southward toward CONSENVOYE, northward toward ECLUSE and eastward to road 64. Returning before daylight, reporting as usual.

Hour—17:50. NOTE—Cancelled by order of COLONEL SANBORN.

Hour—18:00. Sent to—1st-2nd-3rd Bns. 131st. From—Malstrom. Message—The following passwords will be used by patrols by order of 66th Bde. from Oct. 1st 12 noon to Oct. 2nd 12 noon—"MOLINE." From Oct. 2nd noon to Oct. 3rd noon—"BLOOMINGTON." From Oct. 3rd noon to Oct. 4th noon—"EVANSTON."

Hour—19:10. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—131 L. O. with 129th. Message—I was just informed by Opr. Officer 129th that Germans are massed on the north.

Hour—20:10. Sent to—1st-2nd-3rd. From—Malstrom. Following message just received from "Miller" 131's L.O. with 129th. I was just informed by Operations Officer 129th that Germans are massing on the north. Use all precaution and notify your troops also listening posts that they will be on the alert to notify you to avoid surprise.

OCTOBER 2nd, 1918.

Hour—10:55. Sent to—C.O. 131 Inf. From—Opr. O. 33rd Div. Message—The friendly Art. fire which fell short on our forward infantry and artillery positions yesterday has been located as coming from a defective gun of the Corps artillery which was firing on target at HARAUMONT and to the east thereof. The battery has ceased firing and its guns will not fire again until they have been tested by ordnance inspector.

Hour—16:40. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 129th. Message—Will withdraw 8 P. M. to Bois ROND.

Hour—17:00. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131. From—Malstrom. Message—The following message has been received at 16:40 from 3rd Bn. 129th: "Will withdraw 8 P. M. to Bois ROND." Get in touch with them and let Malstrom know what they do.

Hour—17:30. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131. Message—Do you mean that they are withdrawing from the front line.

Hour—18:15. Sent to—C. O. Co. A. 131. From—C. O. 1st Bn. 131. Message—You will endeavor to send patrol across MEUSE starting at 8 P. M. tonight by rafts, crossing about 212-803 and patrolling other side southward toward CONSEN-

VOYE, northward toward ECLUSE and eastward along road 64 returning before daylight, reporting as usual.

Hour—18:30. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—66th Bde. C. O. Message—The French are to raid north of BRABANT toward CONSENVOYE tonight.

Hour—19:20. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—“Bystander” at 3rd Bn. 129th. Message—On late order I am leaving 1 platoon to cover bridge. C. O. will place M. G. to cover rest of sector and I am to support our 2 Bns. in line.

Hour—19:45. Sent to 1st & 3rd Bns. From—Malstrom. Message—SECRET from Platte. The French are to raid tonight north of BRABANT, toward CONSENVOYE, tonight. Signed, PLATTE 1.

OCTOBER 3rd, 1918.

Hour—14:45. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—C.O. 66th Bde. Message—131 to relieve 132 in quarter sector FORGES tonight. Details of relief to be arranged between Regt. C.O.'s concerned. 132nd upon relief proceed by new road from RAFFECOURT MILL to MORT-HOMME sub-sector. 2 Bns. on outpost zone. 1 Bn. in position of resistance. MORT-HOMME sub-sector relief between machine gun Cos. will take place later on order of Bde. Comdr.

Hour—17:50. Sent to—1st & 3rd Bns. 131 Inf. From—Malstrom. Message—No patrols will be sent across river tonight. By order of Col. Sanborn.

Hour—19:35. Sent to—1st-2nd-3rd Bns. 131 Inf. From—Malstrom. Message—Any patrols from this Regt. that may be operating on the river bank will be notified that the patrols of the 66th Regt. French who are operating on the east bank of the MEUSE along our front are using the password BORDEAUX.

OCTOBER 4th, 1918.

Hour—9:35. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—129th Inf. Message—I am directed to establish a mixed post in conjunction with you on my right. Suggest vicinity of Bridge 198-816. If this is satisfactory notify me at once.

Hour—10:20. Sent to—C.O. 129th Inf. From—C.O. 131. Message—I am notifying C.O. 3rd Bn. 131st to get in touch with you and make the necessary arrangements as per your message No. 8 of this date.

Hour—10:25. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O. 129th. Message—Patrol passwords to be used by patrols of 129 Oct. 4/5 Herald, Oct. 5/6 Examiner, Oct. 6/7 News Oct. 7/8 Post.

Hour—10:34. Sent to—C.O. 3rd Bn. 131. From—C.O. 131. Message—You will get in touch with C.O. 129th, and make arrangements to establish a joint post in the vicinity of 1980-8165.

Hour—10:40. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—We will take the supplies you listed today. Will send detail 5th Oct. for same.

Hour—11:35. Sent to—1st & 3rd Bns. 131. From—Malstrom. Message—The following patrol passwords are in use by 129th. Night Oct. 4/5 Herald, Night Oct. 5/6 Examiner, Night Oct. 6/7 News, Night Oct. 7/8 Post.

Hour—14:30. Sent to—105th F. A. From—Erasmus at Pliable. Message—Pliable (131) Co-ordinate 195-781, Plymouth (1st Bn. 131) 96-78. 131st Regt. holding line 197-816, along West bank of river to 238-754. If information requested this A.M. has not been sent forward, give same to bearer.

Hour—16:00. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Patrol for night

4/5 Oct., 1918, consisting of one officer 16 O.R.'s will patrol the river bottoms, from 9817 to 1496. They will leave at dark and return at dawn. Notify all concerned.

Hour—16:00. Sent to—C.O. Co. B. 131. From—C.O. 1st Bn. 131. Message—Co. B. will patrol their entire front along the West bank of the MEUSE as far south as 3076 and 3173. "D" Co. will patrol their entire front along West bank of MEUSE during the night. "D" Co. will perfect a system of liaison with troops on their right.

Hour—16:50. Sent to—1st & 3rd Bns. 66th French Regt., 129 Inf. From—C.O. 131. Message—Patrols will be out tonight along West bank of the MEUSE River. One patrol from each Bn. in the line. These patrols will not cross the river, warn all concerned.

Hour—18:20. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—C.O. 1st Bn. Message—What is the S.O.S.?

Hour—19:30. Sent to—1st Bn. 131. From—Malstrom. Message—The S.O.S. it seems to me is according to Par. 1 Chapt. 5 of extracts from Liaison Plan which states "3 star cartridge." I am getting verification of it whether it is white or another color, but this order is the latest which states 3 star cartridge. If I get a message from 33rd Div. that it is 3 white, I will notify you by the code word LEMON.

Hour—22:35. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—C.O. 66th Bde. Message—Aeroplane reports shelter tents near DANNEVOUX, in your rear which are visible from height east of MEUSE. 33rd Div. C.O. directs you inspect and report.

Hour—23:00. Sent to—Col. 66th Inf. French. From—Malstrom. Message—Your courier (Brifant) delivered a despatch to me to be communicated to troops concerned immediately.

Hour—23:15. Sent to—C.O. 1st Bn. From—Malstrom. Message—Message just received from 66th French Regt. on East bank of MEUSE opposite FORGES as follows: "a detachment of the 66th Inf. will put on a show near MEUSE Barracks tonight opposite BRABANT, a Company of R.T.S. (Singhalese) will cover the show. The end of this action will be signified by red fuse thrown from ridge south of MEUSE Barracks." Notify all concerned.

OCTOBER 5th, 1918.

Hour—2:50. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—66th Bde. Adj. Message—Enemy is reported shelling heavily 41.71 what is the situation?

Hour—2:55. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Enemy artillery shelled our front line left flank. H.E. shells and gas from 12:30 to 2:30, two wounded, three gassed. 129th very heavily shelled during same period.

Hour—4:20. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—Lt. R. E. O'Dea. Message—Subject—(answer to telephonic communication of 5/10/18 at 3:30 A.M.) No extraordinary rate of enemy artillery noticed. I would report a heavy continuous harassing fire.

Hour—4:25. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Heavily shelled—five casualties.

Hour—4:25. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Normal.

Hour—6:55. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 129. Message—3rd Bn. 129th will advise you regarding their part. I will maintain liaison with them with detail by patrol. Cannot take up position until entire patrol has reported. Positions will be at 8091 when detail is complete. This refers to our line of resistance. Our front line is connected with Picturesque. (3rd Bn. 129)

Hour—7:15. Sent to—C.O. 3rd Bn. 131. From—C.O. 131. Message—You are authorized if you think well of it to withdraw your men to rear where they were shelled and cover ground in daytime by observation, by night with small patrols.

Hour—10:28. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—Pinetree. Message—Suggest dugouts on GERCOURT-BETHINCOURT Road (eastside) 1835-7855 approximately 600 meters south of GERCOURT, as station for combat liaison group. If this is satisfactory please have your Bn. in main line of resistance. Arrange details with Picturesque. Picturesque P. C., located in Bois Rond 1855-8055 (Major Heminway.)

Hour—10:30. Sent to—1st-2nd-3rd Bns. 131. From—Malstrom. Message—You will send in at once (giving co-ordinates) the locations of your M.G. locations, dumps, O.P.'s/.

Hour—11:30. Sent to—52nd Art. Bde. From—"Erasmus" at 131st. Message—Enemy battery calibre 105 firing from 209-832, landing at 209-793, harassing fire during night 3.4 4.5 still continues. Advise action, notify if same is possible.

Hour—11:45. Sent to—105th F. A. From—"Erasmus" at 131st. Message—Can you forward information asked for in my message No. 1 4/10/18.—mainly co-ordinates of our 1st Bn. barrage lines.

Hour—14:15. Sent to—129th Inf. From—Malstrom. Message—I am notifying 2nd Bn. 131st to get in touch with you and make the necessary arrangements as per your order No. 1, which we received at 13:45 o'clock.

Hour—14:30. Sent to—2nd Bn. 131. From—C.O. 131st. Message—You will get in touch with 3rd Bn. 129th at 1855-8055 in Bois ROND and make arrangements to establish a joint post at 1835-7855 on GERCOURT-BETHINCOURT ROAD for combat liaison.

Hour—15:50. Sent to—C.O. 1st Bn. 131. From—Malstrom. Message—Reference message No. 8 4/10/18 fr. Malstrom. French Lt. Henric and two M.G. Sections now at REGNEVILLE will join today their battalion east part of TALOU. This move will be carried on at dusk. Notify all concerned. This French patrol is supposed to be with our outposts on the extreme right. If possible try to get report of that patrol.

Hour—16:45. Sent to—C.O. 1st Bn. 131. From—C.O. 131. Message—Lt. W. M. Ward, 108th Engrs., will reconnoiter the west bank of the MEUSE tonight. You will furnish him what men he requires for this work.

Hour—22:25. Sent to—66th Bde. C.O. From—C.O. 131. Message—Liaison Groups from the 18th Inf. Div. French on our right has been withdrawn by order of General Comdg. that unit. This liaison group was operating in accordance with your memo 13 sub paragraph b. Please advise.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—66th Regt. Message—By order General Commanding the 18th Inf. Div. Lt. Henric and two M. G. sections from the 68th Bn. Senegalois Fusiliers detached at REGNEVILLE will join today their Bn. East part of TALOU. This move will be carried on at dusk. Report of the execution of this order will be sent to the Col. Commanding the 66th R.I. French.

OCTOBER 6th, 1918.

Hour—9:10. Sent to—Opr. O. 66th Bde. From—Malstrom. Message—Replying to verbal request for the extent of digging in our outposts zone. No digging has been done except out-posts noted on trace delivered to Lt. ————— and disposition report Oct. 4, 1918. The Liaison Platoon in line of resistance with 129th is according to report received last night to be located at approx. 1835-7855. Liaison post with 66th French is as per disposition report Oct. 4th and message sent you late last night. No new digging work has been reported on out-post zone.

Hour—9:30. Sent to—C. O. T. M. 131. From—Malstrom. Message—You will come to these Hq. and consult with Malstrom as to disposition of T. M. in defense scheme. Bring trace of gun positions as of today with you.

Hour—10:20. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Adj. 66th Bde. Message—Operations Officer 33rd Div. will give attention to liaison on right. We will report later.

Hour—11:00. Sent to—2nd Bn. 131st. From—Malstrom. Message—My message No. 6 of 5-10-18 will be complied with. Am making arrangements for this liaison group which is being located at 1835-7855, to be taken over by 3rd Bn. 131 as per Memo. No. 13, 4-10-18.

Hour—11:02. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131st copy to 2nd Bn. 131 Lt. Foster. From—Malstrom. Message—A post has been established at 1835-7855, jointly by 129th and 2nd Bn. 131 as per Memo. No. 13, Oct. 4, 1918. You will take over this post and detail a $\frac{1}{2}$ platoon and M. G. as per paragraph No. 2 of Memo. No. 13, relieving detail of Paralysis now stationed there.

Hour—16:00. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Lt. Borchardt. Message—Guns have not been changed.

Hour—16:15. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131. From—Malstrom. Message—Lt. W. M. Ward, 108th Engrs., will reconnoiter the west bank of the MEUSE tonight. You will furnish him what men he requires for the work. By order of C. O. 131st Inf.

OCTOBER 7th, 1918.

Hour—6:00. Sent to—C. O. 1-lb. Can. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Report at these Hq. as soon after breakfast as convenient for consultation.

Hour—6:00. Sent to—Opr., Ofer. 131. From—Opr. Ofer. 132nd. Message—Have distributed all maps in my possession. Have furnished 2nd Bn. 131 about 55 maps. You may be able to get what you desire from them. Have not a single map left.

Hour—12:35. Sent to—C. G. 66th Bde. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Motor-cycle has broken down. I will arrive at your P. C. a half hour late.

Hour—12:45. Sent to—C. O. 131st at Bde. P. C. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Phosphorus A and D have been ordered to FORGES WOOD. Will probably arrive tonight. Phosphorus C. O. is leaving for C. G. 66th Bde. immediately.

Hour—14:25. Sent to—C. O. T. M. Plat. Lt. Borchardt. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—You will report at this P. C. as soon as convenient for consultation.

Hour—17:23. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. From—C. O. 131st. Message—You will have P. C. formerly occupied by 132nd vacated immediately for his use.

Hour—17:30. Sent to—131st Inf. Regt. From———. Message—108th Engineers will throw bridges across MEUSE tonight about 800 meters north and south of Consenvoye bridge. Warn all concerned.

Hour—17:50. Sent to—Opr. Ofer. 33rd Div. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Your message about guides received and is being taken care of. Col. Davis can be reached through 131st 195-781 until further orders. 132nd P. C. will be at 215-775. Direct all officers or runners for 132nd to 131st until further orders.

Hour—18:00. Sent to—131st Inf. Regt. From—Opr. Ofer. 33rd Div. Message—Report location of Col. Davis's P. C. and Officers from the division on our right will report to your P. C. tonight. Please furnish a guide to show them the location of Col. Davis's P. C.

Hour—18:25. Sent to—1st, 2nd, & 3rd Bns. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Engineers will be throwing bridges across MEUSE 800 meters north and south of CONSENSVOYE Bridge tonight. Notify all concerned. Warn Troops not to fire on friendly patrols tonight.

Hour—18:30. Sent to—Peru 1. From—Peru 4. Message—Message delivered at 4:30 (Null) Liaison Officer (Null) Report at P. C. Pliable.

Hour—19:00. Sent to—Platte 1 66th Bde. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Will you please advise me by bearer what M. G. Co. I will have available for use in addition to my Companies B. & C. If M. G. Co. of 129th is unavailable will it be possible to get a company from 123 M. G. Bns. or 122 M. G. Bn.?

Hour—19:15. Sent to—Lt. Duffet. From—Opr. Ofer. 131. Message—You will report at once to this P. C.

Hour—19:18. Sent to C. O. 131st. From—C. G. 66th Bde. Message—Have you got good communication with 132nd?

Hour—19:26. Sent to—Phosphorous. From—C. O. 131st. Message—129th M. G. Co. is available. Let me know where you want them and when you want them and orders will be issued to them at once.

Hour—19:30. Sent to—Opr. Ofer. 132nd. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Give bearer the map you have marked up for me, also such other maps as we may need in the coming operations.

Hour—19:35. Sent to—C. G. 66th Bde. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—We have runner system from here, and 132nd is putting in wire communication.

Hour—19:45. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. 131st. Message—Please advise if we are to have 1-lb. cannon, or T. Ms with us. If so, have them report here as soon as possible.

Hour—19:50. Sent to—2nd Bn. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—131st is going to use T. M. and Cannon Platoon to cover your attack from across river. If you find you will need either T. M. or Cannon Plat. after reporting to Pancake advise us and we will send them forward.

Hour—20:30. Sent to—Lt. Borchardt. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—You will get in touch with C. O. 3rd Bn. and arrange to engage enemy targets tonight and tomorrow in locality on East bank of MEUSE and North of CONSENVOYE as the situation warrants. Be prepared to neutralize all enemy targets within your range until further orders under the advice of C. O. 3rd Bn.

Hour—21:00. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—C. O. 1st Bn. 131st. Message—Pliable 1 told me to withdraw my front line Cos. and support Cos. to a place he would designate. You left instructions to me here to withdraw all but an outpost. My front line Cos. are covering a large front area and are practically all out-posts. There is also plenty of shelter. Advise.

Hour—21:00. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. 131. From—Opr. Ofer. 131. Message—Give bearer maps requested by Opr. Ofer. 131 in telephonic communication.

Hour—21:35. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. From—Opr. Ofer. 131. Message—No further orders have come. Pliable No. 1 thinks it best to have your outposts remain in place until further orders, but to keep in close touch with them continually. Your companies should be in similar liaison with you. The instructions I left with B. I. O. was to remove the company from the area to be occupied by a battalion of the 132nd who must go into shelter in southeastern part of FORGES WOOD tonight. If they are placed there that is the only move until further orders. Paralysis is going to occupy the N. E. part of FORGES WOOD tonight and available place must be made for them. As you are aware, from instructions received, these moves by the 132nd and 2nd Bn. 131st are made as preparations for orders to come. Any other information I get will be forwarded to you.

Hour—21:55. Sent to—C. G. 66th Bde. From—C. O. 131st. Message—We have received no orders as yet as per conference this P. M. Please advise.

Hour—21:58. Sent to—C. G. 66th Bde. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Order has not arrived on operation. Advise.

Hour—22:40. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—C. G. 66th Bde. Message—Order on way.

Hour—23:30. Sent to—C. O. 132nd. From—C. O. 131st. Message—We are making arrangements for direct runner service between your P. G. and Paralysis P. C. I do not think it advisable to relay important messages through our message center.

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Hour—00:30. Sent to—1st & 3rd Bns. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—You will withdraw all posts and report with your commands as follows: 3rd Bn. along N. Edge of FORGES WOOD, 1st Bn. along E. edge of FORGES WOOD. All moves to be completed by daylight.

Hour—00:30. Sent to—C. O. 131st Inf. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—The location of my companies is the same as it has been. The Bns. of the 132nd are in their positions and as there is room for all I have not made any change.

Hour—1:10. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 132nd. Message—Here-with maps as requested. C. O. 2nd Bn. 131 called for his maps and I furnished him with enough for each platoon commander.

Hour—1:45. Sent to—C. O. T. M.s. From—C. O. 131st. Message—You will detail two T. M. to report to and be attached to 2nd Bn. This section will report to C. O. 2nd Bn. in N. E. Corner of FORGES WOOD immediately after dawn.

Hour—3:55. Sent to—C. O. 131 Inf. From—3rd Bn. 131st. Message—This P. C. closes at 3:35 A. M., will open at 205-785. Will notify you upon arrival.

Hour—9:00. Sent to—Sgt. Paschel, Int. Sgt. From—Opr. O. 131. Message—You will take one man and go to a point on MEUSE River at or near CONSENVOYE and secure information and make report on any bridges thrown across the river during the night. Try to state how thrown across, breadth, material and probable strength.

Hour—9:20. Sent to—Comdg. General 66th Bde. From—C. O. 131. Message—No orders whatever have reached me, verbally or otherwise since conference yesterday. Machine Gun officer appears to have independent orders. Nothing whatever in sight for him to open fire on at scheduled time except empty ground.

Hour—10:00. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—Med. Ofer. 131. Message—Memorandum to C. O. 131st Inf. 2nd Bn. Med. Of. will establish an aid post in CONSENVOYE immediately after its occupation. Two hospital men will accompany the battalion across the river. The Medical Officer with other Hospital Corps men will follow at a reasonable distance. Until the road on east side of MEUSE can be used by ambulance, evacuation of wounded will be by carrier through this place.

Hour—10:10. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—You told me I would soon get my adjutant back. Any news on it? I sure could use him.

Hour—10:40. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. G. 66th Bde. Message—Establish straggler post at west end of bridge when constructed by engineers near CONSENVOYE and one at BRABANT with 132nd. They will be relieved later by M. P.

Hour—11:01. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—Lt. Whitney, Liaison Off. 132nd. Message—One attacking Bn. has crossed the river in front of BRABANT and the other is now crossing at the same place.

Hour—12:50. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. G. 66th Bde. Message—Phosphorous under your command, your F. O. o. k.

Hour—14:30. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—Maj. Heminway, 129 Inf. Message—My men are not carrying slickers, shall I have them carry overcoat, packs, or not?

Hour—16:50. Sent to—C. O. 131, thru 1st Bn. From—Lt. Preston. Message—Hostile shelling greatly decreased, not over 10 shells in St. Louis area. Bridge

to CONSENVOYE apparent target for 150 H. E. shells which hit near bridge to road. CONSENVOYE shelled entire hour heavily. Our artillery falling short on St. Louis area. At least 50 shells H. E. fell short.

Hour—18:45. Sent to—Picturesque No. 1. From—C. O. 131. Message—You will report to these Hdqrs. immediately with runner.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—66th Bde. Message—Annex No. 3 changes to field order 27 of 33rd Div. Code keys and B. A. N. completes 327. Signals by Infantry request for barrage. 1 cartridge 3 white stars. P. C. Bns. and Regiments will signal by their panels when aeroplanes call for indication of front line.

Hour—XX. Note—Present P. C. 115th Regt. is at point 228-747. It is located just south of crest of hill 257 and south of road CUMIERES-REGNEVILLE. After normal objective is reached, Reg. P. C. will move to MALBRUCK at about point 253-789.

Hour—XX. Note—3rd Bn. P. C. 129th at 185-807.

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Hour—10:00. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—P. C. 129th. Message—Am sending 2 platoons to take over your sector. Staff Officer and 4 will report to P. C. as reconnaissance party at once.

Hour—10:45. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—Phosphorous. Message—Order taking Pinnacle from Plymouth has been cancelled. That company will remain as it is for duty.

Hour—11:15. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—Perjury 7. Message—Regarding artillery fire falling short on co-ord. 209-792 and 214-783 state evidently in error. Firing in advance of those co-ords and at time given was firing 1 kilo to the north and 2 kilos to the east of those co-ords. I asked where his artillery was firing at 6 A. M. and Perjury said 1 kilo approx. to the north of the co-ord. 209-792.

Hour—12:05. Sent to—1st Bn. 131. From—C. O. 131. Message—You will move your command immediately to the edge of FORGES WOOD, opposite new bridge across the MEUSE River just south of CONSENVOYE and await further orders. You will secure all available information through patrols and scouts that will aid you in crossing the River MEUSE. Have each man carry up extra ammunition to be placed in a dump to be established by yourself near CONSENVOYE after crossing the MEUSE. Make all necessary arrangements to comply with F. O. No. 37. You will maintain your headquarters as at present until ordered forward, keeping in constant touch with this P. C. You will arrange for wires and runners to go ahead to be ready to maintain touch with this P. C.

Hour—12:10. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131. From—C. O. 131. Message—You will prepare your command for immediate service and hold same at the alert in present position awaiting orders. You will have 4 extra bandoliers issued to each man to be carried and used by yourself to establish a forward dump. Keep in close touch with this P. C. and arrange to push wires and runners forward.

Hour—13:35. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. 131. From—C. O. 131. Message—You will move with your Bn. immediately across the MEUSE and occupy trenches south of Bois de Chaume.

Hour—13:45. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131. From—C. O. 131. Message—You will move across MEUSE River on NEW bridge south of CONSENVOYE immediately, following the rear of 1st Bn. occupying trenches along southern edge of Bois de CHAUME.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—C. O. 1st & 3rd Bns. 131. From—Opr. O. 131. Message

—Change location of your destination from trenches south of Bois de CHAUME to trenches southeast of CONSENVOYE called HERACLEE. Be sure your men carry the four extra bandoliers of ammunition from this side.

Hour—14:25. Sent to—Pliable 15. From—Opr. O. 131. Message—You will move across River MEUSE at CONSENVOYE and establish Regt. Aid Station in connection with 1st & 3rd Bns., immediately, who will be located in HERACLEE trench southeast of CONSENVOYE.

Hour—14:40. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. 131. Message—Have taken up position 237-814 marking our right. Our right is wholly unprotected and we are practically surrounded by Machine Guns. Artillery enfilading our position and casualties very heavy and Battalion hard hit. Trying to get telephone communication with 132nd Inf. Phone out. Need ammunition. Impossible to advance. P. C. located at 234-807.

Hour—15:25. Sent to—Lt. Whitney, Liaison Off., at 132nd. From—Opr. O. 131. Message—You will send in reports as to operations or information regarding the unit to which you are attached. Reports to be sent operation officer 131st. Have had no report from you in the past 24 hours.

Hour—21:25. Sent to—Plattsburg, No. 1. From—Pinetree 1. Message—LIAISON MESSAGE—130th Infantry. Carry out orders contained in message No. 5. Upon receipt of this message, march your Bn. to eastern exit DRILLANCOURT where guide will meet you. March in Artillery formation followed by 1st Bn. 129th Inf.

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NOTE—Where messages appear as being sent to or from 3rd Battalion during battles of October 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, they were sent to and from the Advance Regimental Post of Command to Major Frank M. Allen in command of forward operations and relayed to Capt. Malstrom, regimental operations officer.

Hour—00:30. To—Bn. Comdrs. Maj. Allen, Maj. Coady, Maj. Bittle, Maj. Heminway. From—C.O. 131. Message—Verbal Message: Orders of General on attack that 132nd had fallen back to a line south of Bois de CHAUME, approx. as laid out on map. Owing to the limited time to get your troops in position and having just come from a conference presided over by General Wolf, I must give you your orders verbally so that you can get your troops on the march and get to your forming-up-line in time for the attack, which will occur at 6:05 A. M. preceded by an artillery barrage. The 132nd is reported lying in the shallow trenches at valley just south of the Bois de CHAUME. You will form up with the 3rd Bn. 131 Inf., on the left, 1st Bn. 131 Inf. on the right. 1st Bn. 130th Inf. and 3rd Bn. 129th Inf. in support following at 500 yards. You will go to the 2nd Exploitation objective.

Hour—1:15. Sent to—C.O. of Bn. from 129 Inf. From—C.O. 131. Message—You will proceed with guides from the 3rd Bn. who are now with you to east exit of CONSENVOYE where other guides will meet you to guide you to your position. You will report to Major Allen upon arrival at new position and come under his command. He will give verbal orders to you as to operations that will take place. You will report your arrival in position to this P. C. by wire or runner.

Hour—5:25. Sent to—Pinetree 1. From—C.O. 131 (Forward) Message—It is the orders of C.O. 131 that you establish communication through this P.C. with 66th Bde. by means of telephone, visual and runner immediately and report to C.O. 131 your position.

Hour—6:10. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—C.O. 1st Bn. 131. Message—No supporting troops on the right.

Hour—6:10. Sent to—C.G. 66th Bde. From—C.O. 131. Message—No supporting troops on the right.

Hour—6:35. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—2nd Bn. 131. Message—1st & 3rd Bns. 131 & 3rd Bn. 129th going forward on time with their Majors.

Hour—6:40. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Have advanced 600 yards successfully and am pushing on. Maj. Coady advised me he has nobody on his right.

Hour—6:50. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Major Coady reports no liaison with units on right.

Hour—7:15. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—C.G. 66th Bde. Message—In case you have an open flank use reserve to take care of it, using your good judgment as to how far to go.

Hour—7:25. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—228-817 arrived at above location. Considerable M.G. opposition on our extreme right, am still going forward.

Hour—7:45. Sent to—1st Bn. 131. From—C.O. 131. Message—Let me know if Lt. McGuire of the T.M. is with you and functioning.

Hour—7:45. Sent to—1st Bn. 131. From—C.O. 131. Message—How is your right.

Hour—8:00. Sent to—Lt. Duffet, 131 Inf. From—Sgt. Minahan, 1,1b Can. Message—Brush is impassable on wheels and I have no front leg.

Hour—8:30. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—Oper. off. 131. Message—Sent Lt. Whitney up to 1st Bn. with 20 men and orders to find out why they were left also to find out the exact situation on the right.

Hour—8:45. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—Lt. Col. 132. Message—So far as we can learn Div. on right making no advance. Troops 132nd menaced from right.

Hour—9:30. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Division on right slowly advancing, 500 yds. to rear and south of present line of 132nd. Liaison established with a platoon of 129th Inf.

Hour—9:37. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Lt. McGuire reported to Bn. C.O. this morning and has gone forward.

Hour—10:00. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—1½ platoon Co. A, 1 platoon Co. B, 1 platoon Co. C. have reached objective. Co. 1 3rd Bn. on left. Not in touch on my right, cannot get in touch with the rest of the Bn.

Hour—10:00. Sent to—O.C. 115th Inf. From—C.O. 131. Message—Our line is on its objective on left but held up on right for liaison. Let me know where your line is and where I can connect up with you.

Hour—10:20. Pliable No. 1 left for forward area.

Hour—10:50. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Our troops gained the objective but could not hold it on account of intense shelling and M. G. fire. Am trying to gather troops who are in the underbrush and will establish a new line in LaVANNE trench West of Bois de CHAUME. Can you send re-inforcements to join on my right? Shelling is of H.E. and Gas.

Hour—11:05. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—115 Inf. (from 3rd Bn. notes). Message—115th Inf. Regt. held up at head of Ravine in woods by heavy M.G. fire. Right of 29th Div. meeting with great resistance and are not able to advance, will remain there until further developments.

Hour—11:10. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—Pinetree. Message—2397 1 Co. of left Bn. 132nd Inf. have been detailed to right flank as liaison Company with 29th Div. and will mop up N.W. corner of woods.

Hour—11:22. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 131 Inf. Message—Seven

enemy planes flying low sprayed our troops with M.G. for 5 minutes without opposition.

Hour—11:30. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131. From—Capt. Magner. Message—Enemy observed filtering in on right flank. We are not strong enough to take care of a strong attack.

Hour—11:38. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. Maj. Allen. Message—Heavy artillery concentrated in VILLENEUVE FARM, lookout for counter-attack. There is to be a heavy concentration of artillery placed on it.

Hour—12:05. Sent to—Lt. Col. 132. From—C.O. 131. Message—Send Battalion 129th Inf. and one Machine Gun Company to start at once to go along Grid Line No. 24 and connect up with our right.

Hour—12:05. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Attached is message from Omaha No. 1 who is commanding the posts of the Cos. in the line. The enemy M.G. and artillery are very active and our positions are under his enfilading fire constantly.

From Omaha (Co. I.) to Padlock—We are in a hole, so is 1st Bn. Co. A of 1st Bn. is withdrawing. Enemy artillery fire is ruining us.

Hour—12:07. From—3rd Bn. Maj. Allen. Message—Another raid by enemy planes firing M. G. on our trenches and men in the open.

Hour—12:13. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131. From—Col. Naylor. Message—By Lt. Beebe,—115th Inf. jumped over at 6:05 A.M. other Regiments on its left did not jump off until 11 o'clock.

Hour—12:15. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—Capt. Magner. Message—1st Bn. is now 1000 yards to my right with no troops in between. I have no field of fire and in case of an attack will have to fall back in the woods. The woods are being shelled very heavily and it would be almost impossible to keep troops in there with gas as strong as it is. I understand there is about 20 men of Co. M. with the 1st Bn. and Capt. Gano only has about 6 men with him. He does not know where his other platoons are. It is impossible to stay in the front edge of the woods without having a gas mask on all the time. We sure need more men.

Hour—12:40. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. Maj. Allen. Message—Our line fell back to 230-825 to 249-825.

Hour—12:40. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—Lt. Col. 132nd. Message—Have no report from any of Bn. Comdrs. Runners unable to find them. Major Heminway is in command of three Cos. of 129th with M.G.'s. These are in rear. Will try and reach Heminway.

Hour—12:50. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. Maj. Allen. Message—Message received from 115th Inf. right time 11:30 new line not yet definitely located, but our left has reached RICHENE RIDGE at about 371.

Hour—12:53. From—3rd Bn. Maj. Allen. Message—227-825 to Meridian 24, General directs we dig in on this line and if necessary we may be able to fall back on it.

Hour—13:00. Sent to—1st Bn. 131. From—Cincinnati. Message. Enemy is getting into valley on left in squad column, small detachments of "D" Co. on left and 25 men of M. Co. on right. Enemy also attacking in front.

Hour—13:00. Sent to—Lt. Col. Stansfield. From—C.O. 131. Message—You will dig in along line from 227-825 in general direction East towards Meridian 24. Use all available troops at your command for this task immediately. I am sending orders to my forward troops to fall back only in case of extreme necessity, on this line you will dig and hold same at all costs.

Hour—13:15. Sent to—Majors Coady, Bittel, Hemingway, Allen. From—C.O. 131. Message—Lt. Col. Stansfield is preparing a line from 227-825 in general direction

East toward Meridian 24. This line will be used as defence line only in case of extreme necessity and will be held at all costs. All troops except any holding line and remainder of Brigade Reserve will be ordered to dig in.

Hour—13:30. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—Capt. Wilson. Message—I can take my objective any time the right swings up to take theirs. Am now sitting on ridge 1,000 yds. N.E. of P.C. 1st Bn. I have asked C.O. 1st Bn. for 2 companies to hold what I have taken. No help as yet. Have about sixty-five men from A. D. & C. Cos. and 1 platoon of 122nd M.G. Bn. (Co. B.) Haste is imperative as enemy is massing on right for counter-attack.

Hour—13:55. Sent to—C.O. 1st Bn. 131. From—C.O. 131. Message—Major Allen will report at this P.C. as soon as possible. Give instructions to Captain Magner as to your duties and the situation. He will assume command temporarily.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—O.C. 115th Inf. From—C.O. 131. Message—Our lines still hold along north edge of Bois de CHAUME and Bois PLAT CHENE thinly. Where is your line? We are 500 yards south of our objective.

Hour—14:10. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Enemy is forming for a counter attack without further strength for front line will have to withdraw. Heavy casualties have been suffered and no touch on the right.

Hour—14:10. Sent to—C.O. 131 via C.O. 3rd Bn. 131. From—Capt. Magner. Message—2 platoons of Co. D. 1 officer Co. I. and 1 of Co. M. are now 500 yards to the right of me. There is no troops between SIVRY-sur-MEUSE and 1,500 meters this side of that town. The shelling is very heavy and uncomfortable. What can you do to get some of our batteries on them. I have no M. G.'s with me. They certainly ought to be here.

Hour—14:30. Sent to—66th Bde. From—Capt. Malstrom 3rd Bn. Notes. Message—Cincinnati (Co. D. 131) Enemy activity has lessened. We have connected up with Co. C. on right, but have been unable to locate anyone on our left which leaves our flank open, owing to supporting Co. in both Bn. having been mixed with front line as needed. We have no immediate support. This leaves us in a rather precarious situation in case of counter-attack which appears more than likely from 500 yds. S. E. Farm house VILLENEUVE.

Hour—14:30. Sent to—3rd & 1st Bns. 131. Copy to Maj. Hemenway & Maj. Bittel. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. Message—You will arrange covering most available ground connecting up with 115th Regt. on right at about grid lines 24-82. The 1st Bn. will be on right, 3rd Bn. on left. Forward position now occupied by my troops will be held by outposts. Strong Liaison patrols to connect up with and work with left of 115th Regt.

NOTES—By Capt. Malstrom, October 10th, at conference held on forward lines. Those present were:

Maj. Hemenway—129th Inf.

Maj. Bittel—130th Inf.

Capt. Magner—131st Inf.

Capt. MacNamee—Representing Gen. Wolf.

Col. Stansfield—132nd Inf.

Maj. Hemenway—2 Bns. Strength 400, also 1st & 3rd Bns. 130th Inf.

Maj. Bittel—400 less 2 platoons of L. Co.

Capt. Magner—175 unable to get men from 1st Bn.

Maj. Hemenway reported—Men all in. No food.

Maj. Bittel said—Will help Maj. Hemenway's Bns. to get food from CONSEN-VOYE part way.

Maj. Hemenway reported—Signals taken away. Hq. & T. M. for carrying parties lost at CONSENVOYE. Capt. Malstrom will get them to you.

Aeroplane with one M. G. circled over trench. Enemy Artillery opened fire same time.

Memorandum—Taken up Capt. Malstrom with each Major. His present line, strength, condition of men, physically as regards food and as regards sleep.

Read orders from Colonel and stated new disposition of troops ordered by him.

Located Bns. First Aid Posts, Bn. Ammunition Dumps, Ration Dumps, covered routes for carrying parties, all dugouts, capacity in depth and area.

Liaison platoon on 24th Meridian in contact with 115th.

Ordered standto night and morning, Working Parties, Patrols, Listening Posts, Runner system between Coys. and Bns. and forward P. C. daily reports.

Prepared immediately, losses, captures, casualties, work done. Imperative all men under cover and protected except those actually on duty. Mopping parties to complete the work on right in connection with 115th, to be carried out by the C. O. of this Regt. and the left company of 115th Inf.

Hour—14:40. Sent to—Capt. Wagner. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—A battalion has been sent forward to support our right. You are also in receipt of order to Maj. Allen. The situation appears improving.

Hour—XX. Sent to—Capts. Gano, Wagner & Stockwell. From—Lt. Koepke. Message—I. Co. rations are at 131st Advance P. C. now. L. Co. rations will be here at 5:30 P. M. M. Co. some time a little later.

Hour—15:30. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—C. O. T. M. Btry. Message—My present location is at 207-786, two guns are with 2nd Bn., two guns with 3rd Bn. and Lt. McGuire is on his way up with two guns for the 1st Bn. No casualties, all present T. M.s assigned to 2nd Bn. have sixteen rounds of ammunition with them. Disciplinary men bringing up 50 rounds of 3" Stokes to advance dump. This new dump will be established as soon as the 3rd Bn. reaches its new destination. Map references of same to be forwarded on arrival. Situation quiet in immediate vicinity.

Hour—15:30. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—St. Louis (Co. B.). Message—Report strong point at 236-818 Brandeville. Unable to drive them out with T. M.; cannot proceed with trench till this is finished.

Hour—15:35. Sent to—C. G. 66th Bde. From—Padlock 3rd Bn. 131. Message—Much artillery from HARAUMONT.

Hour—15:45. Sent to—Lt. Whitney. From—C. O. 131st. Message—You will proceed along our line and locate each Major and secure from him such data as to number of casualties, line held, strength, ammunition and above all find out what amount of work has been done on line to be dug. Work on this line must be pushed with a rush and manned with all available machine guns. You will impress all with the importance of this.

Hour—15:50. Sent to—Opr. Ofer. 66th Bde. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Objective has been reached three times. Troops on right have been forced to fall back to prevent enflanking movement. Line now holds thinly in spots. Troops have had no water or food since yesterday evening and are exhausted, but holding good.

Hour—16:00. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—1st Bn. 131st. Message—Plymouth P. C. 228-838. Need rations, water, M. G. Amm. and stretchers. Have suffered heavy casualties. Troops have dug in on 84 meridian. L. Co. on my left. No contact on right. 1st Bn. 129th now in formation in rear of my right flank.

Hour—16:30. Sent to—Col. Meyers & Col. Stansfield & Majors 131st. From—

C. O. 131st. Message—Order Stand To of your troops an hour before dawn as precaution against enemy counter-attack or to counter-attack if necessary.

Hour—17:05. Sent to—Capt. Magner. From—C. O. 131st. Message—You will assume command of the Battalion. Do all you can to dig in and consolidate position for defense, using all available M. G.s wherever located, also troops scattered in dugouts and Bivouacs, so as to increase the chances for defense and success. Do your utmost to accomplish this tonight.

Hour—17:20. Sent to—Maj. Hemenway. From—Maj. Allen. Message—Your message 4 P. M. received. Have taken up the matter regarding artillery. Hold your troops in alert position tonight and under such control that you can move at moment's notice. You will be in touch with telephone so I can get you without delay any time during the night.

Hour—17:30. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Capt. Magner. Message—Enemy has M. G. position on right front of our line. Number of enemy were noticed moving across our front all day. SIVRY sur MEUSE should be shelled. Casualties estimated one killed, 3 Lts. and 30 O. R. wounded. No digging in could be done in daylight.

Hour—17:30. Sent to—Lt. Col. Stansfield. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Note attached for your information. Are you going to do the same?

Hour—18:25. Sent to—Maj. Bittel & Maj. Hemenway, C. O. 1st & 3rd Bns. 131. From—Opr. 131st. Message—Ammunition can be secured at CONSENVOYE, extreme north end on SIVRY Road, also on SAMOGNEUX—CONSENVOYE Road near southern end of town.

Hour—19:50. Sent to—Opr. Ofer. 131. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. Message—Paralysis reports the left flank of 29th Div. and right flank of 131 has been connected and consolidated on line.

Hour—19:55. Sent to—C. G. 66th Bde. From—R. I. O. 131. Request artillery fire on SIVRY sur MEUSE and VILLENEUVE FARM.

Hour—20:15. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. 229-778. Message—3rd Bn. 131 in le VANNE Tr. at about 7 P. M. 1st Bn. near me on my right. 8 bombs were dropped in this valley at 7:30. There was heavy shelling in this valley between 7 and 8. Some gas.

Hour—20:15. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—C. O. 1st Bn. Message—A counter attack is very imminent as enemy has been massing troops all day. Our front line is so thinly held that we can't hold on. Support is absolutely necessary if we hold.

Hour—20:25. Sent to—Opr. Ofer. 131st. From—66th Bde. Message—Establish an emergency defense line along north edge of Bois de CHAUME to a point 225-824, thence along road which divides Bois de CHAUME from Bois de Plat CHENE Road, extending southeast to Meridian 24.

Hour—20:40. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. 235-817. From—St. Louis [B. Co.] 131st. Message—Stopped by M. G. nests shown on Map. We have no support thru woods on our right. Must protect our flanks here. How about support on right?

Hour—21:25. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From 3rd Bn. Message—Lt. Whitney reports that he located all Bns. Reports everything in fair condition. He is sending in written report.

Hour—21:45. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O. Mortal. Message—Right of 131 Inf. reported resting at 240-825. This seems to be north of our left and on top of ridge north of Ravine PLAT CHENE. Our line is in Ravine with our left at 224-822 and runs to 225-820. Lt. Butler Co. K is left flank Co. & Capt. Woodcock is C.O. of 3rd Bn. with P.C. at 242-821. Have ordered him to get contact with your right. Request that you order the Liaison group to do the same. If this Regt. P.C. does not

move forward in the morning, we think a wire connecting your P.C. with us would be advisable.

Hour—22:45. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Counter attack will take place in the morning. Strength does not admit holding front line strong. Support should be had for these organizations. Bn. is on top of slope north of—— line. Valley is shelled and gassed. Casualties estimated at 50 per cent. Major Hemingway and Capt. Algeo have M.G.'s facing east and one Bn. facing east.

Hour—24:00. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. Message—Plymouth (1st Bn. 131) called to have artillery fire on SIVRY sur MEUSE.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—My co-ordinate 227-821.

Hour—XX. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131. From—Omaha. Message—Unable to locate 3rd & 4th Platoons. Have part of 1st and 2nd near L. Co. Have been told that some of my men and an officer moved back. We need help here.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Omaha. Message—Capt. Daly 122 M.G. Bn. reports that our right flank is withdrawing. Asks us for help, we can't spare a man. The enemy artillery is getting all our men.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—My right flank entirely open. Have lost touch with my C. & D. company and the other two badly shot up. Need support to hold on. M.G. fire heavy on right 232-825.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Med. Ofcr. 131st. Message—Condition of men—The officers and men of this Regt. are badly in need of rest. Many report to medical officer every day who are suffering from exhaustion. They are weak and have accelerated pulse. The extreme point of endurance has almost been reached and I have grave fears for the result if the regiment is not withdrawn from the line.

Time—XX. Sent to—C.O. 3rd Bn. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Need ammunition. A guide through with you. Would it be possible to have support Battalion move up out of wood as the valley to this front is frequently gassed and shelled. Impossible to cross. Message sent in clear. Other in code.

Time—XX. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—Lt. Borchardt, T. M. platoon. Message—Two guns with each of our Bns. Major Ridgeway is holding his two in reserve at his Hqrs. Lt. McGuire has two guns with first Bn. I have two guns on left flank third Bn. front line. Map reference cannot be given as it does not show on my map. My Hqrs. are at present at third Bn. Advance P. C.

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Hour—3:00. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—Capt. Melville. Message—Need authority to use M. G. officers from all companies. Need dump of guns and belts as near as possible. Authority to control all guns in area.

Hour—3:20. Sent from—3rd Bn. 131. Via—2nd Bn. 131. Message—Reports everything o. k. Enemy shelling some. (Capt. Malstrom notes.)

Hour—3:40. Sent from—3rd Bn. 131. Via—2nd Bn. 131. Message—Called up to see what time Major Allen left here last night. Situation quiet, although a little shelling. (Capt. Malstrom notes.)

Hour—4:10. Sent to—66th Bde. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Situation report to Platte—local shelling over entire sector, some gas in valleys, but in general, situation quiet, although a little shelling.

Hour—5:00. Sent from—3rd Bn. 131. Via—2nd Bn. 131. Message—Called 2nd

Bn. 131 and he says everything o. k. Capt. had just returned from 1st & 3rd Bns., found they had dug in and organized. Bn. in good condition.

Hour—6:00. Sent to—C.O. 3rd Bn. 131. From—132nd Inf. Message—Col. Davis called: The barrage is on right. Advance by 29th Div. to 2nd Exploitation objective. Capt. Malmstrom should call Colonel Davis up before leaving for the front.

Hour—7:20. Sent to—C.O. 3rd Bn. 131. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Works Report: Men digging new trenches and latrines, approximately 900 yds. Trenches dug 2 ft. wide and from 3 to 4 ft. deep.

Hour—8:00. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—C.O. Mortal. At—225-789. Message—Our 2nd Bn. is about to effect a passage of lines to begin the attack. Our sector is between lines 224 & 225. Major Barrett is in support at 500 meters. Our left flank now is at 224-821, extending almost due east to 225. Orders to gain the 2nd Exploitation objective at 224-844 to 225-847. One half company and one section of M. G. from 3rd Bn. will push forward astride of 224 with orders to get in touch with you. Suggest that you also detail combat liaison group to work in co-operation with them. Our R.P.C. will probably move forward this A. M. to 225-815, but someone will be left here to direct way to new P.C.

Hour—8:20. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—Lt. Pride. Co. A. Message—Have reached objective, no one on right of D. Co. No one on left of A. Co. Send support. I have no maps. Strength 50 men.

Hour—9:30. Sent to—C.G. 66th Bde. From—C.O. 131. Message—Pliable No. 1 called Platte No. 1 about shelling of SIVRY-sur-MEUSE.

Hour—9:50. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—Capt. Magner. Message—SIVRY loaded with Machine Guns, enemy concentrating there.

(Message reported to Platte No. 7 immediately.)

Hour—10:00. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—The approximate strength of this Bn. is Co. A., 50 men, 3 officers; Co. B., 75 men, 1 officer; Co. C., 30 men; Co. D., 60 men, 1 officer; B.H.Q. 3 officers; H.Q. Co., 28 men; Total 243 men, 8 officers. Lt. Sharp and one platoon haven't been heard from since start of action.

Hour—11:00. Memo to M.G. Comdrs. From Capt. Melville. Message—Capt. J. H. Melville has been designated as acting M.G. Officer by the C.O. troops in this sector. The following information is required at once: Number of guns and organizations. Location of guns and tasks. Ammunition belts available. Shortage in personnel and equipment, 2 runners from each M.G. Co. will be at the Hdqrs. at 5:30 A. M. 234-807.

Hour—11:00. Sent to—Major Bittle. From—C. O. 131. Message—By order of General Wolf you are hereby notified that Colonel Sanborn has assumed command of all operations between Grid 24 and West bank of MEUSE. You will report at once to these Hdqrs. with all information you can give and receive further instructions from my representatives, Major Allen.

Hour—11:10. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—1st Bn. 131. Message—Am being flanked on my right by heavy M.G. fire, can't hold on much longer, advise.

Hour—11:10. From—3rd Bn., Capt. Malmstrom notes. Major Allen in command by order of Colonel Sanborn. Capt. Melville in command of all M.G.'s—same authority.

Hour—11:25. Sent to—O.C. 115th. From—Lt. Moore, 115th L.O. with 131. Message—Request present location of your extreme left and progress being made. Right flank 131st being flanked by M.G. fire which is apparently from 115th left flank. Report of 131st activities follow as soon as director of Reg. operations completes the consolidation of his line.

Hour—11:30. P.C. 3rd Bn. 131. From—3rd Bn. notes. Upon telephone request of Operations Officer Captain Geo. N. Malmstrom at 3rd Bn. P.C., Colonel Sanborn

advises that he is in command of operations between 24th Grid and River MEUSE, designating Major Allen as his representative. He also states that Major Ridgeway comes under his command immediately, the troops under his command are as follows:

131st Inf.

3rd Bn. 130th Inf.

3rd Bn. 129th Inf.

Attached M.G. Units.

Also that he wants line organized as follows: Such troops as are forward of line dug in last night to be held by outposts—other line given yesterday to be held and the position organized in depth. Liaison must be maintained on right.

Hour—11:50. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—3rd Bn. Message—Aeroplane activity, own planes necessary because of M.G. fire by E.A. and observation in vicinity of 234-807 (This P.C.).

Hour—12:00. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—1st Bn.—131. Message—Our line roughly 240-839 to 230-835, Morale of men very low and all are completely exhausted and worn out and in no condition to stand a counter attack. Strength of Bn. approximately 8 officers, 240 men with me. Co. B. 122nd M.G. Bn. 3 officers and 60 men, Co. A. 122 M.G. Bn. on my right. Artillery very active all the time. We need Artillery support. Artillery battery on hill 335, 2½ kilos west of ETRAYE, 3rd Bn. on my left has withdrawn to valley just in rear of my Hq. Need M.G. ammunition, rations and water.

Hour—12:05. Sent to—M.O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. Message—Capt. Mangum will take command of all Aid Posts in this area.

Hour—12:30. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O.T.M. Message—My present P.C. is at 3rd Bn. advance P.C. So far no casualties.

Hour—12:50. Sent to—33rd Div. From—3rd Bn. 131st. Message—Asking for contact aeroplane to observe artillery fire.

Hour—13:30. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—Lt. Stockwell. Message—Asking for counter battery work.

Hour—13:30. Sent to—Lt. Stockwell. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. Message—Assuring him of counter battery work at once. Keep 3rd Bn. 131st in touch with your situation.

Hour—16:00. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Intel. Off. Message—In the sector we now occupy the following captured guns may be found:

List of Captured Guns.

Serial No.	Calibre.	Type.	Condition.
429	77	Field piece	Perfect
407	77	Field piece	Perfect
678	77	Field piece	Perfect
22879	77	Field piece	Perfect
8834	77	Field piece	No breech block
12653	77	Field piece	No sight

Capt. Malstrom notes.

Distribution of Machine Guns Between River Meuse and Grid Line 24

Forward.

With Major Hemenway—6 guns, Capt. Algeo, 122nd M. G. Bn.

With Major Coady—6 guns, Capt. Daly, 122nd M. G. Bn.

With Major Coady—3 guns, B Co. of 124th M. G. Bn.

Total, 15 guns.

Support.

With 2nd Bn.—4 guns, Capt. Algeo, 122nd M. G. Bn.

With 2nd Bn.—4 guns, Capt. Daly, 122nd M. G. Bn.

With 2nd Bn.—6 guns, Capt. Melville, 131st M. G. Co.

Total, 14 guns

Reserve.

1st Bn. 132nd—11 guns, Capt. Dodd, 124th M. G. Bn.

2nd Bn. 132nd—6 guns, Capt. Brown, 124th M. G. Bn.

2nd Bn. 132nd—4 guns, Capt. Carr, 129th M. G. Co.

At CONSENVOYE—12 guns, Capt. Inship, 124th M. G. Bn.

2nd Bn. 131st—4 guns.

Total, 37 guns.

Summary

Forward	15	122nd M. G. Bn.....	20
Support	15	131st M. G. Co.....	10
Reserve	37	124th M. G. Bn.....	32
	—	129th M. G. Co.....	4
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Hour—19:50. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—1st Bn. 131st. Message—Situation at present very quiet. Request that artillery continue harassing fire on our front and flanks, 3614-4905 is 240-843 south to 230-837. Counter attack driven off left flank about 2:15 p. m.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Capt. Magner. Message—A number of M. G.'s and troops are located in SIVRY-sur-MEUSE. The M. G.'s have been firing considerably since we have obtained our objective. A battery of 77's have been enfilading our position. The fire seems to come from Bois la VEUX. There is also 2 batteries of about 10.5s located in the same direction, but further away. Artillery fire should be opened up on these batteries.

Hour—23:10. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—1st Bn. 131st. Message—Everything O. K. quiet.

Hour—23:11. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—2nd Bn. 131st. Message—Everything fairly good.

Hour—23:12. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. 131st. Message—Reports O. K.

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Hour—00:30. Sent to—Pliable (131st). From—2nd Bn. 131st. Message—Paralysis O. K.

Hour—1:50. Sent to C. O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. Message—The left of the 115th Inf. is as follows: Almost on line of 81 grid. little over 24 meridian. Patrol to be sent out at once and get in touch with that position and report thru this office.

Hour—2:20. Sent to—Padlock No. 1 (C. O. 3rd Bn.), 131st. From—Burgheim of P. C. 130th. Message—The 1st and 3rd Bns. 129th Inf. were consolidated by Col. Meyer under command of Major Heminway. I am here under his orders getting new locations of battalions.

Hour—3:37. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—2nd Bn. 131st. Message—2nd Bn. 131st O. K.

Hour—3:55. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Capt. Magner, 3rd Bn. Message—Intense shelling since midnight amounting to a barrage (from Major Allen). Enemy shelling became very lively. Risky for troops to move under present conditions.

Hour—4:20. Sent to—Platte No. 1. (Gen. Wolf.) From—Pliable 7. Phoned Platte 1. Intense darkness. Bad weather, work unreasonably slow. Intense barrage bombardment. Will cause extraordinary conditions if troops are moved. What is the General's wishes? Q. What is Pliable 7's opinion? A. I have talked to officers in whom the General can place utmost confidence and they advise against moving troops tonight. A. All right, let them stay there.

Hour—4:40. Sent to Maj. Allen. From—Pliable 7. Message—The Colonel and the General place the matter in your hands. Do what you can and make your moves for the best interest of the men.

Hour—4:45. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Liaison Off. Artillery ordered to increase concentration of our artillery on Farms. Gen. positions N. E. by N. of 3rd Bn.

Hour—5:05. To—C. O. 131st. Message—Upon return Artillery L. O. stated that the Corps had ordered the artillery not to fire on indefinite targets or areas.

Hour—5:30. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. Notes. Message—Enemy artillery slackened except in one direction.

Hour—5:35. Sent to—Pliable 7. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. Message—Major Allen wants bolos and axes to cut thru brush.

Hour—5:45. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. From—C. O. 1st Bn. 131st. Message—Being heavily shelled by artillery. Why don't our artillery retaliate.

Hour—7:30. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—C. O. 115th. Message—The regiment on our right was held up last night and we were therefore unable to advance. We are ordered to hold our present position and prepare it defensively against counter attacks. Our left rests at point 240-822 and we understand you have refused your right to meet us at this point. Conditions along our front last night and this morning quiet. The firing of your artillery does not interfere with us in any way.

Hour—9:00. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131st. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. 115th Inf. Message—Your note received. Our line extending from approximately 240-817 to 247-818 at which point we connect with 1st Bn. 115th Inf. Our advance has been delayed by failure of 115th Inf. on our right to advance. When we will start, do not know, but it appears we are held up for the present. You will be informed. Lt. Thompson is in charge of liaison contact detachment and will explain the situation more fully. I think either your advance line should be sent back to connect on our left or that your right should be pushed out to connect with our left through Lt. Thompson's detachment. We have not in this Bn. the force for a further extension to our left. Please confer fully with Lt. Thompson as to your intentions.

Hour—9:00. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131st. From—C. O. 115th, 225-787. Message—No change in line today. Sketch herewith shows present disposition. No infantry activity today. Enemy artillery fairly active, paying special attention to Regt. P. C. 114th and 115th attacked today, but results are not yet known to us, although some ground was gained.

Hour—9:15. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From Lt. Col. 132nd Inf. Message—Lt. Thompson of 115th Inf. is reporting to you for conference. He is officer mentioned in note I am sending you.

Hour—12:15. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—1st Bn. 131st. Message—The condition of the Bn. is awfully bad. The men are completely exhausted. They are constantly exposed to artillery and M. G. fire. Sickness has begun to crop out from exposure. They can't possibly stand it here any longer. We have no blankets and part have no overcoats. The officers are on the job, but find it hard to keep the men up.

The Bn. is weak in numbers. We have now only Capt. Wilson and Capt. Preston, the latter being sick but still at work. Then I have only three Lieutenants, the other officers being killed or wounded. I have approximately 250 men left. In fact the conditions are terrible, clothing bad. I believe the men cannot stand the exposure to the shelling and the conditions any longer. Most of them when they get out of here will be physical wrecks. Can't something be done to relieve this situation. Also have 1 M. G. Co. left out of two (A & B 122).

Hour—12:20. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. 131st. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Stay where you are and hold line until you hear further from me. You are no worse off than the rest of the troops who are holding on and making no complaints. Make disposition of your men in such a way that outposts only will be under direct fire.

Hour—14:20. From—3rd Bn. Notes. Maj. Bittle, Maj. Heminway and C. O.'s 1st and 3rd Bns. 131st Inf. called in and informed of Col. Sanborn's orders.

Hour—16:00. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—Picturesque. Message—Situation remains same except for fact that our own artillery has shot us up twice today. They should range 500 meters higher on our right and 700 meters higher on our left. Our artillery has not touched enemy M. G. nests yet.

Hour—16:00. Sent to—Major Bittle, 3rd Bn. 130th. From—C. O. 129th. Message—I am directed by General Wolf to inform you that the 2nd Bn. 129th Inf. plus Co. A 123rd M. G. Bn. will organize a line prolonging that of your Battalion towards the east and that Co. D 123rd M. G. Bn. will report to you for duty with your Bn. Please report here for consultation Bn. Commanders, bringing with you guides who can show Bns. and M. G. Co.'s routes to their positions. Position will be occupied tonight. You will receive orders direct from C. O. 131st Inf.

Hour—17:10. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—Opr. Off. 131st. Message—I am sending with a guide to your P. C., one A. A. crew and you should make disposition to the best advantage.

Hour—17:20. Sent to—Picturesque 1. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. Message—Your message 4 p. m. received. Have taken up the matter regarding artillery. Hold your troops in alert position tonight and under such control that you can move at moment's notice. You will be in touch with telephone so I can get you without delay any time during the night.

Hour—17:30. From—3rd Bn. Notes. Bois Grand MONTAGUE reported counter battery work, extreme limit will be used in shelling.

Hour—18:00. From—3rd Bn. Notes. Area 231-849 (hostile artillery) has been reported for counter battery work, also 214-833.

Hour—18:00. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—1st Bn. 131st. Message—Special Situation Report. Heavy shelling throughout the day. Heavy M. G. fire from right. Hostile planes flying over our lines all day, dropping signal lights. Have area 240-840 trench system in N. E. corner of square 24-25-83-84, line passing through 240-838, 245-840, 250-835 shelled.

Hour—19:05. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—C. O. 1st Bn. 131st. Message—Situation now quiet. Request that artillery continue harassing fire on our front and flanks. Line now 2614 4905 is 240-843 to 230-837. Counter attack driven off left flank by 2:15 p. m. No prisoners captured.

Hour—19:15. Sent to—2nd Lt. Anderson, L. A. 115th Inf., care 132nd Inf. From—Lt. W. S. Moore, L. A. 115th. Message. Am sending copy of Field Order 131st Inf. to C. O. 115th Inf., also copy to Bn. Cmdr. on left flank of 115th. This information will save you copying the order or making any extracts, as all the units concerned will receive a copy of order.

Hour—19:25. From—3rd Bn. Notes. Ammunition dump directly east burning.

Hour—19:30. Sent to—C. O. 115th. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Sending herewith by runner one copy of F. O. 38 for your information, also one copy for Bn. Comdr. on left bank of your regiment, otherwise nothing of importance to report. May I have information of any change of position of your unit or alteration of plan which would be valuable to me by return runner.

Hour—21:30. From—3rd Bn. 131st Notes. Major Bittle called by Major Allen. Situation o. k. 1st line o. k. 229-817 P. C.

Hour—24:00. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131st. From—Capt. Magner. Message—Enemy machine guns well forward are now occupying opposite side of our ridge in some points. Enemy machine guns move up under barrage. Shelling still heavy.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Capt. Harkness. Message—Location of Regt Ration & Supply Dump 774-235 at N. W. corner of cross roads. Location of my dugout 232-775.

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Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—1st Bn. 131st. Message—Situation report: Enemy artillery very active. Men constantly under shell fire. No retaliation from our artillery. Morale of men very low.

Hour—2:00. Sent to—66th Bde. From—R. I. O. 131st. Message—Situation quiet. Nothing else to report.

Hour—3:18. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—Burgheim, P. C. 129th. Message—The 1st and 3rd Bn. 129th Inf. were consolidated by Col. Meyer under command of Major Heminway. I am here under his orders getting new locations of battalions.

Hour—4:15. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—C. O. 131st. Message—You will see that no patrols or working parties or any friendly troops are north of Grid Line 82 in our sector tonight. Effective at once.

Hour—4:45. Sent to—Capt. Magner, 1st and 3rd, 131st, 1st and 2nd, 129th. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. Message—Stay where you are for another day. Await orders. (Sent in code.)

Hour—6:15. Sent to—Liaison Outpost 115th Inf. From—Maj. Allen. Message—Advise me by bearer as to your present location and when you are going to start an advance. Also return two Liaison Runners sent to us by your Liaison Officer.

Hour—9:05. From—3rd Bn. Notes. Message—Through Liaison Officer from 115th.

Hour—10:15. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131st. From—Picturesque (3rd Bn. 129th). Message—Everything is normal; no change with 115th Inf. Liaison. Had some quite heavy shelling on south side of ravine. Enemy always straffes between 12 and 3 a. m.

Hour—10:45. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—115th Inf. Message—Will inform you of my contemplated move.

Hour—11:20. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Adj. 131st. Message—The (strength and casualty) reports that I have just received are the first ones that have been anywhere near right. Am now having same made up and will bring them over as soon as finished. I have repeatedly sent reports back as I knew they were incorrect.

Hour—12:00. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—129th Inf. Message—Picks and shovels delivered by Engineers at CONSENVOYE at 11:30 a. m. today. Officer delivering tools did not know what the tools were for, when they were to be delivered or for whom intended. It is presumed that they were for use of Infantry. Present location of tools at narrow gage R. R. near eastern end of CONSENVOYE bridge.

Hour—12:10. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—C. O. 1st Bn. 131st. Message—What appears to be a field piece going into position at point 249-835.

Hour—14:00. From—3rd Bn. Notes. Message—Heavy shelling persistent.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—C. O. 115th Inf. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Sending herewith sketch showing the disposition of 131st Inf. By this disposition our extreme right will be along Grid 24 near point where narrow gage crosses this line, thereby effecting contact with your left shown to occupy this position, per your sketch of last night, and presenting a straight front toward the enemy. Request information of any contemplated move which would change position of your units.

Hour—15:00. Order. From—C. O. 131st.

1. The following officers are relieved from duty at once: Major Coady, 1st Bn; Major Hamlet C. Ridgeway, 2nd Bn.

2. The following officers are placed in command of the battalions as noted: Captain Walter M. Magner, 1st Bn.; Captain Walter H. Marr, 2nd Bn.

3. Lt. Raymond F. Fiedler, 3rd Bn., until Francis M. Allen is relieved from command of the line.

Hour—15:30. Sent to—Sup. Officer 131st. From—C. O. 131st. Message—You will see that cooks for the 1st and 3rd Bns. are near east entrance to foot bridge over River MEUSE tonight by 8 p. m.

Hour—16:20. Sent to—1st & 3rd, 131st; 1st and 3rd, 129th. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. Message—Move all your troops from line in small groups at once to CONSENVOYE. You report here for instructions. (Sent in code.)

Hour—16:40. Sent to—Major Allen. From—Capt. Malstrom. Message—There will be a reorganization tonight, orders being made now. I am sending Lt. Davis with orders and maps to meet Major Bittle, who will be at Col. Meyers, and get his men to do the work. The work will be laid out by Major Bittle along lines that are practically known to you already. Major Allen will have runners and other means of liaison ready between myself and forward commanders also between working party and myself. Also between myself and relay post to Regt. P. C. so as to quickly co-ordinate the work in accordance with Colonel's wishes and these orders. So that there may be no slip up on the work, all Majors must have their troops at the alert ready to move the minute that I give the command, in such a manner that they do not interfere with one another and must be ready to obey my orders quickly without any delay.

Hour—18. From—3rd Bn. Notes. Co. B 104th F. A., Sgt. Knapp in command; 1 Hotchkiss Gun A. A. reported.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. 131st; C. O. 3rd Bn., 131st. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Upon arrival at your new position in trenches near east footpath of the MEUSE near CONSENVOYE you will come into brigade reserve under the command of Col. Meyer, 129th Inf.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 129th. From—C. O. 131st. Message—You are advised that the 1st and 3rd Bns. 131st are being withdrawn from their positions in the line to trenches near foot bridge over MEUSE south of CONSENVOYE. They will probably arrive in their new position about 10 p. m. and will go into brigade reserve under your command.

Hour—18:30. Sent to—C. O. 115th Inf. From—C. O. 131st, per L. A. 115th. Message—Sending herewith copy of F. O. 39 (131st Inf.) issued this date in supplement to F. O. 38, 131 Inf., sent you 12th Oct. 1918; otherwise nothing to report.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 130. From—Maj. Allen. Message—Place your troops immediately along line of resistance from 215-814 to 228-820; make best disposition possible. No troops to remain north of 82 Grid. Report when in position. Phoned in code.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. 129th. From—Maj. Allen. Message—Place your troops immediately along line of resistance from 228-820 to 238-820; make best

disposition possible. No troops to remain north of 82 Grid. Report when in position. Phoned in code.

Hour—19:00. Sent to—C. G. 66th Bde. From—C. O. 129th. Message—The 1st and 3rd Bns. Pancake of Brig. Reserve have moved to Bois FORGES. They can be reached thru 66th Bde. The 1st and 3rd Bns. 129th Inf. were delayed in withdrawing from line. They will report to you about 10:00 p. m. tonight.

Hour—19:15. Sent to—1st Bn. 131st. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Guides from Pioneer section will meet you and guide you into trenches in MEUSE River bottom near foot bridge east of river. Your cooks are ordered along road at this place. Report your arrival in place at this P. C.

Hour—21:15. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131st. From—2nd Bn. 129th. Message—“Peaceful” 9:15 p. m. confirming telephone.

Hour—21:50. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—C. O. 115th Inf. Message—No change in our disposition; nothing to report along our lines. Will keep you advised of any contemplated change and will send you copy of any regimental orders issued which will in any way affect you.

Hour—22:00. Sent to—3rd Bn. 131st. From—C.O. 131st. Message—Am awaiting word from you. Have they all cleared.

Hour—22:00. Sent to—1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns., 131st. From—Adj. 131st. Message—Be sure and get your reports in on time. Be careful in making out strength and ammunition reports. Make out a consolidated list of casualties and missing for 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, giving name and serial number and whether wounded, gassed, etc., on enclosed paper. I am sending to statistical for each Co. Clerk to make a roster of companies for the 8th of the month.

Hour—22:45. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. 131st. Message—All clear. (Reported by runner and phone.)

Hour—23:00. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—3rd Bn. 131st. Message—1st & 3rd Bns. 131st and 3rd Bn. 129th are clear. 1st Bn. 129th reported clear, but waiting official confirmation. 3rd Bn. 130th and 2nd Bn. 129th reported in position, but all individual company reports not yet received. 131st wire temporarily out.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—T. M. Plat., Lt. McGuire. Message—T. M. Plat. 2nd Sec. T. M. gun No. 1 at 3.1, 3.1 gun No. 2 at 3.3 3.2 with 1st Bn. Situation quiet on Bn. front except for heavy shelling from 5 to 5:45 a. m. Afternoon situation quiet on Bn. front except for intermittent shelling, mostly toward reserve positions.

Work report—Emplacements and trenches dug at 3.1 3.1 & 3.3 3.2.

1 N. C. 6-22.

Intelligence—Fired 100 rounds on enemy working party on reverse slope of hill occupied by our lines. Shells landed upon approximate location of working party. Did not see enemy, as I did not want to disclose my activities. If possible will observe results and activities of enemy to our front. Men will dig in. Our M. G.'s cover the front, with T. M. covering our left flank of Bn. its weakest point.

1 casualty in carrying detail, gassed slightly.

Hour—XX. Sent to—Opr. Ofer. 131st. From—C. O. Co. D 108th Engrs. Message—On Sept. 25th I gave you a sketch of the area of FORGES BROOK and adjacent swamp land to be crossed by PLIABLE 26-9-18, for you to copy. 108th Engrs C. O. requires this at once. Will you let Lt. Petersen have same.

13-10-18. Received the above map, 13-10-18. (Signed)—Lt. H. C. Petersen, Co. D.

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Hour—00:40. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. Message—Padlocks location: All units are entrenched in MEUSE River bottom near foot bridge east of river; runners are reported for liaison.

Hour—00:45. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Adj. 1st Bn. 131st. Message—1st Bn. in place in trenches S. E. of CONSENVOYE.

Hour—1:55. Sent to—2nd Bn. 129th. From—3rd Bn. 131st. Message—Acknowledging receipt of sketch at 1:55 a. m. Kindly send two runners for liaison purposes. Can you not arrange wire connection with us. Kindly advise situation by return runner.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—2nd Bn. 129th. Message—Please send us two runners as liaison in exchange for ours. We have no connection by phone and have no wire.

Hour—2:25. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Plattsburg 1. Message—Corrected positions of Co.'s I, K. & M. 130th Inf.: Co. I, 217-816 to 220-816; Co. K, 220-816 to 224-817; Co. M, 224-817 to 227-818. Co. I has orders to occupy a position under cover of woods during the day, taking position facing north in open at night. 3 M. G.'s assigned to Co. I, with field of fire north. Co. K, in center, Co. M's right of line curves to right rear facing N. E. with 3 M. G.'s sweeping valley to north. There are also 3 M. G.'s located at 227-819, sweeping same valley. All Coys have outposts forward day and night and patrols north edge of woods at night.

Hour—10:00. Sent to—1st and 3rd, 131st; 1st and 3rd, 129th. From—C. O. 3rd Bn., 131st. Message—Obtain a report from all Co. Commanders as to the number of bodies of our soldiers left on the field in positions just abandoned. Names and locations where possible; if names are not known, state as accurately as possible the number of bodies and locations near as possible.

Hour—15:45. Sent to—Mortal 1. From—L. A. 115th (C. O. 131st). Message—Sending herewith copy F. O. 40 (131st Inf.) together with information that P. C. 131st Inf. moves tonight to new location. This P. C. which is to be evacuated by 131st Inf. will be occupied by P. C. PILOT (130th) some time tonight. Will attach myself and detail to this new unit (130th) since they will hold line on left of 115th Infantry and continue the duties of Liaison Officer unless otherwise ordered from your Hq. Present disposition of front to your left unchanged.

Hour—17:00. Sent to—Liaison Off. 115th. From—Mortal No. 6. Message—Would like to have copy of your Field Order of tonight. Am not sure we have your disposition correctly. Will it be as follows tomorrow.

Bosche Line.

1st Line	2nd Bn. 129	3rd Bn. 115
		1st Bn. 115
Support Bn. 129		2nd Bn. 115

Hour—18:00. Sent to—Plattsburg. From—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. Message—When relief completed tonight telephone code word "Dynamite." (Message in code.)

Hour—18:00. Sent to—Capt. Magner. From—Opr. O. 131st. Message—Station 2 reliable men at the east end of foot bridge over MEUSE River with orders to report to these headquarters immediately upon the passing of the Bns. of the 130th Inf., being sure that all Bns. of 130th have crossed. These men will return to you with the order.

Hour—18:00. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—2nd Bn. Message—2nd Bn. leaving trenches. Bn. 129 in.

Hour—18:45. Sent to—Mortal 6. From—C. O. 131st, 115th L. A. Message—

There was no typewritten copies of F. O. No. 40 (131st Inf.). The original having been written out and for that reason the copy sent you was made by myself. I have enclosed an exact tracing of present disposition of line to your left and immediately upon change of disposition other shown I will send additional sketch. The 2nd Bn. of 129th Inf. is on your immediate left and to our knowledge here, there is liaison between our right and your left at present and has been. The C. O. 131st Inf. will remain in command of all operations to your left until further orders are known, and the operations are controlled from this P. C. (131st). The moving of this P. C. has not taken place yet, but will advise you immediately when such occurs. Since operations are controlled and directed by C. O. 131st, your order will be sent to this P. C. I am informed that you know of the shortage of officers in this Regt. and for that reason it is impossible to send one to your P. C. I have been told that the moving of the 131st H. Q. from this P. C. to a new location will not affect in any way the command of the line. If the 131st continues in charge I shall remain on duty at this P. C., but if the line is turned over to any other unit I will advise you at once and ask for instructions.

Hour—19:00. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—2nd Bn. 131st. Message—2nd Bn. reports all o. k. except P. C. 2nd Bn. and M. G. not gone. Heavy shelling will prevent them moving for a while from position south of Bois de CHAUME.

Hour—19:30. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—Major Allen. Message—Relief completed.

Hour—20:00. Sent to—Opr. O. 66th Bde. From—Opr. O. 131st. Message—Forward relief of 131st completed at 7:30 p. m. 131st P. C. not moved. We will notify you of move.

Hour—20:20. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—Plattsburg 1. Message—Dynamite. (Code for relief completed.)

Hour—20:45. Sent to—1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns., 131st. From—C. O. 131st. Message—The CONSENVOYE bridge will be used for the crossing of your Battalions; will cross as follows: 2nd, 1st and 3rd. Verbal orders of C. O. 131st cover the time of moving and the positions of troops after crossing.

Hour—20:55. Sent to—Maj. Allen. From—C. O. 131st. Message—C. O. 131st directs close up and move. (Moved at 9:55 p. m.)

Hour—21:50. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—C. O. 129th. Message—Upon the telephoning of the code word Illinois by C. O. 129th to C. O. 131st, the command will pass from C. O. 131st to C. O. 129th of the front line of sector along Grid Line 82 from east bank of MEUSE to Grid Line 24.

Hour—22:00. Message—Handing over reports of Capt. Malstrom to 1st Lt. C. A. Burns.

Hour—22:45. Sent to—C. O. 129th. From—C. O. 131st. Message—“Illinois.” (Code for change of control of 131st P. C. Command of all forward area transferred to Col. Meyers of 129th Inf.)

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Hour—5:30. Sent to—Captain Harkness. From—C. O. 131st. Message—The 1st and 3rd Bns. being unable to cross the MEUSE, you will see that their cookers are brought back to the east bank to the position these battalions occupied last night. This move should be made immediately.

Hour—5:30. Sent to—Lt. Holt. From—Opr. O. 131st. Message—You will see that side-car gets here immediately for the Colonel. Also see if you can have a breakfast for 8 officers brought to this place.

Hour—8:30. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. 131st. From—C. O. 131st. Message—You will cross the river MEUSE with your Battalion marching in small parties and moving quickly to avoid congestion and shell fire. You will suspend movements when enemy shell fire interferes with it. Take advantage of low visibility and move as soon as Battalions of the 130th Inf. cross.

Hour—8:30. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Same message as above, except added: "following the 1st Battalion."

Hour—9:30. Sent to—66th Bde., 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns. 131st, Pliable 14 141st. From—C. O. 131st. Message—P. C. 131st will close at 229-788 at 12 o'clock noon, 15-10-18, and open at 195-781 at the same hour.

Hour—13:00. Sent to—C. G. 66th Bde. From—Opr. O. 131st. Message—Last unit of 131st crossed MEUSE over CONSENVOYE Bridge going west at 11:30.

Hour—13:20. Sent to—C. G. 66th Bde. From—Opr. O. 131st. Message—All 131st troops complete in trenches as per F. O. 20 at 12:25 p. m.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131st. From—Opr. O. 131st. Message—We are waiting for your (in place) and sketch showing your present position and P. C. Please rush so we can clear to brigade.

Hour—14:35. Sent to—1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns. 131st, Picturesque, Plattsburg. From—C. O. 131st. Message—You will send in immediately to C. O. 131st your narrative of operations from 10th to 14th Oct. 1918. Narrative to be in by 6 p. m. 16-10-18.

Hour—21:00. Sent to—C. O. 131st. From—2nd Bn. 131st. Message—2nd Bn. 131st. Situation report: Last 24 hours has been quiet; no casualties suffered in withdrawing from position in support of 2nd and 3rd, 130th Inf., to present location.

DATE—OCTOBER 16th, 1918.

Hour—9:25. Sent to—1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—You will send in as soon as possible sketches showing locations of your Co. P. C.'s, Aid Stations, Dumps, O. P.'s Anti-aircraft guns and machine guns.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—C. O. Can. Plat. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—You will send in a narrative of your operations from Oct. 10th to Oct. 14th, 1918. Narrative to be in today.

DATE—OCTOBER 17th, 1918.

Hour—11:00. Sent to—C. O. 129th Inf. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Will you have Maj. Hemenway send to me his narrative of the action from the night of Oct. 10th, 1918 to the date when the command was turned over to you, Oct. 14, 1918.

I want to complete my report and require his narrative as soon as possible.

Hour—11:00. Sent to—C. O. 130th Inf. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Will you have Maj. Bittel send me his narrative of the action from the night of Oct. 10th, 1918 to the date when command passed to the 65th Bde., Oct. 15th, 1918. I want to complete my report and require his narrative as soon as possible.

DATE—OCTOBER 18th, 1918.

Hour—17:50. Sent to—C. O. 129th Inf. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Received from you today copies of orders issued from Oct. 9th to 14th incl., but did not receive narrative of the operations of these days. Kindly see that C. O. 3rd Bn. 129th gets this in at earliest possible moment as it is needed to complete our narrative.

DATE—OCTOBER 19th, 1918.

Hour—8:45. Sent to—1, 2, 3rd Bns. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Enclosed two typewritten copies of your narrative of operations from 10th to 13th Oct. One is for your file, the other to be signed and returned to this office.

Hour—9:05. Sent to—C. O. T. M's. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Same as above.

Hour—16:20. Sent to—C. O. 124th M. G. Bn. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Upon verbal orders of C. G. 66th Brig. upon receipt of this message Co. B. 124th M. G. Bn. passes from this command and will receive separate orders from C. G. 66th Brig.

Hour—19:55. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 132. From—C. O. 131st. Message—By order of C. G. 66th Brig. you will march your troops BETHINCOURT, ESNES, Le-CLAIRE and from Le-CLAIRE continue on as per orders already received. Do not go through CHATTANCOURT.

Hour—20:00. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn., 2nd Bn. & 3rd Bn. 131. From—C. O. 131st. Message—The route has been changed to read:—BETHINCOURT-ESNES-Le-CLAIRE and then on as per orders to NIXEVILLE FOREST. DO NOT go through CHATTANCOURT. (Notation on 3rd Bn. message to notify M. G. Co. and Hq. Co.)

DATE—OCTOBER 23rd, 1918.

Hour—5:30. Sent to—1, 2, 3rd Bns. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—A billeting party consisting of 1 officer from each Bn. and one non-com. officer from each Co. will be ready to embuss at 10:30 A. M.

Buss will leave P. C. PLIABLE at 10:30 A. M. picking up billeting parties of 2nd, 3rd Bns. on SOUILLY-RECOURT Rd. opposite each camp.

2nd Bn. PONTOUX Fme., RECOURT Road.

3rd Bn. LES TAMARIS CAMP D, RECOURT Road.

1st Bn. LE CHANOIS-RECOURT-RAMBLUZIN Road.

WARNING—Battalions will be ready to march at 1 P. M. 23-10-18, orders to follow.

Hour—15:00. Sent to—C. G. 66th Bde. From—Opr. Ofer. 131, Camp THAIR-ONS. Message—131 P. C. will close here 6 P. M. and open at Chateau Thillombois at same hour.

DATE—OCTOBER 24th, 1918.

Hour—15:45. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Upon completion of reliefs as outlined in F. O. 44, telephone this P. C. by the code word RANDOLPH. Change number of F. O. of this date to 44.

DATE—OCTOBER 25th, 1918.

Hour—18:45. Sent to—33rd Div., 66th Brig. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Relief of Co. C. 115th Inf. at LAVIGNEVILLE by this Regt. is completed at 16 P. M. All units of 131 now located as per F. O. 31, 33rd Div.

DATE—OCTOBER 27th, 1918.

Hour—17:00. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. 131. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Advance dressing station (Divl.) at DOMMARTIN. 35th AUSTRIAN DIV. opposite our front. It is composed of ROUMANIANS 75%, HUNGARIANS 20%, GERMAN-AUSTRIAN 5%. Very low morale. Daylight patrols of German-Austrian are encountered, but will always retire when they meet any allied patrols. Austrians will surrender if given a chance and not associated with Germans. 153rd French Inf. say the enemy has evacuated Bois de la HAUTEVOYE.

DATE—OCTOBER 28th, 1918.

Hour—9:15. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. 131. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—We have not received your acknowledgment of completion of relief. Send it by return runner.

Hour—20:00. Sent to—33rd Div. & 66th Brig. From—Opr. Ofer. Message—JOHN (code word for completion of relief) 12:30 A. M. Received from 2nd Bn. 131 by runner.

(Telephoned to 33rd Div. R. I. O. for transmission to Opr. Ofer. 33rd Div.)

DATE—NOVEMBER 5th, 1918.

Hour—9:00. Sent to—C. G. 66th Brig. From—C. O. 131st. Message—P. C. 131st Inf. will close at THILLOMBOIS at 12 Noon, and open at CHAILLON at the same hour.

Hour—20:50. Sent to—C. O. K Co. 131. From—Opr. Ofer. 131. Message—You will feed and rest your men, then move forward and report to P. C. 3rd Bn. at 494-477, so as to complete relief as per verbal orders from C. O. 3rd Bn. before dawn, Nov. 6th, 1918.

DATE—NOVEMBER 6th, 1918.

Hour—7:30. Sent to—33rd Div., 66th Brig. From—Opr. Ofer. 131. Message—P. C. 131st will close at CHAILLON at 12 noon and open at 482-486 at the same hour.

Hour—7:30. Sent to—Adj. 66th Bde. From—Opr. Ofer. 131. Message:

1st Bn. 131, Springfield DEUXNOUDS, 6:10 A. M.

2nd Bn. 131, Springfield, HANNONVILLE, 2:30 A. M.

3rd Bn. 131, Springfield, ST. MAURICE, 10:55 A. M.

NOTE—Springfield is the code word for completion of move.

Hour—7:30. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. 131. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—1. Be sure to send your outpost company up so as to make relief as soon as dark. Start them from your place at 1 P. M.; 2. This P. C. closes at 12 noon and opens at 482-486 at the same hour; 3. Be sure to send runners to the New P. C. as soon as you are set.

Hour—10:00. Sent to—C. O. M. G. Co. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—As you know we have no maps ourselves. You are to take over the maps of the M. G. Co. in the sector of the 3rd Bn. You can leave early enough to get to 3rd Bn. P. C. at dark and make arrangements. P. C. 3rd Bn. on map ST. MIHIEL. This is the only map I have.

Hour—XX. Sent to—C. O. 110th Inf. From—R. I. O. 131st. Message—Reg. Hq. PLIABLE, 1st Bn. PLYMOUTH, 2nd Bn. PARALYSIS, 3rd Bn. PADLOCK, PLIABLE 1—COL., No. 2—Lt. COL., No. 6, INTEL. OFCR., No. 7 OPR. OFCR., No. 10 SIGNALS, No. 11—ADJ., No. 14—Sup. Ofer., No. 15 MED. DET., No. 24 HQ. CO., No. 20 GAS OFCR.

Hour—16:30. Sent to—Panama, 130 Inf., 3rd Bn. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Friendly patrols will be out in front of C. R. HANNONVILLE to-night 5/6th. Warn all concerned.

Hour—18:00. Sent to—130th Inf. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Are you sending us any Liaison runners? Let me know the P. C. of your right Battalion.

Hour—19:30. Sent to—Adj. 66th Brig., Opr. Ofer. 33rd Div. From—C. O. 131st. Message—131st in place at 7:30 P. M. November 6th. Relief complete.

Hour—19:40. Sent to—M. G. Co. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—C. O. 131st wants you to report to him tomorrow morning, Nov. 7th, 1918.

DATE—NOVEMBER 7th, 1918.

Hour—21:30. Sent to—BERRY. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message:

1. 131st relieved 132nd and occupy the same P. C. and disposition of Battalions is so far the same as previous Battalions.

2. There is a test of S.O.S. Signals to be made today. Have you received the time?

Hour—10:30. Sent to—M. G. Co. 131st. From—Opr. Ofer. 131st. Message—Will you send in your correct co-ordinates as soon as you can. I want to check up the maps and start new issues.

Hour—20:10. Sent to—66th Brig., 130th Inf., 110th Inf. From—C. O. 131st. Message—Friendly patrols will be out in Bois le VACHERE tonight 7/8. Notify all concerned. Friendly daylight patrol will be out tomorrow, Nov. 8, in Bois Les Haute EPINES. Time for return not limited. Notify all concerned.

DATE—NOVEMBER 8th, 1918.

Hour—12:00. Sent to—66th Bde. 130th, 1-3 Bns. 131. From—Pliable 1 C. O. 131st. Message—Friendly patrol will operate in Bois de WARVILLE, night of 8/9 November.

DATE—NOVEMBER 9th, 1918.

Hour—8:30. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—3rd Bn. 131. Message—Town of ST. HILAIRE cleaned and thoroughly mopped up. Enemy had apparently left the town. Artillery fire was very good. Town blown to Hell. (Details will follow upon my return.

Hour—18:30. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. 131. From—C. O. 131. Message—The order for tonight's movement should be changed from Patrol No. 2 to Operation Memo. You thoroughly understand that this movement is permanent and troops to stay out and dig in.

Hour—21:05. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. 131 & Sigs. From—C. O. 131. Message—You will send out 1 company of Infantry and 4 M. G's. to occupy the town of St. HILAIRE tomorrow morning, Nov. 10th. This detail will arrive at St. HILAIRE about daylight. M. G's. will be placed in a general direction toward the enemy at the north edge of the town. Signal men will follow this detail and connect the C. O. with the buzzer phone. Detail will take advantage of the attack which is to occur on our left at about that hour, also will be warned that friendly troops have advanced as per patrol No. 2 on your right. (See order.) Troops will hold St. HILAIRE at all costs and you will prepare to support them. The time of attack to be made by adjoining troops on our left is 5:45 A. M. (Message just received.)

Hour—22:55. Sent to—Capt. Malmstrom. From—C. O. 1st Bn. 131. Message—7:30 message received, understood it, will dig in when stopped.

Hour—23:00. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 1st Bn. 131. Message—Machine Gun nest there, no company in my support at DONCOURT.

Hour—23:30. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. 131. From—C. O. 131. Message—(Phoned)—You will assemble your command immediately and march to DONCOURT, DONCOURT-WOEL Road and be there by 5 A. M. March with full combat equipment. There will be two battalions make an attack on Bois de HARVILLE assembling

in Bois de WARVILLE and Bois les EPINES. Your M. G. Co. will assemble at your present Bn. Hq. and await further orders. Upon arrival at DONCOURT of the 2nd Bn. you will assemble command and move forward into the Bois les EPINES and Bois WARVILLE placing your troops under cover awaiting the hour of attack. H hour unless changed will be at 2 P. M. 10-11-18. Co. A. 124 M. G. Bn. to 3rd Bn. Co. B. 124 M. G. Bn. to 2nd Bn. M. G. Cos. will meet you at DONCOURT, 1st Bn. (2 companies at WOEL 2 companies in woods les EPINES are now cleaning them up. You will meet them somewhere upon arrival and take them under your command. At H hour minus 30 minutes, the attacking Bn. (3rd Bn.) will assemble in Bois de WARVILLE and the support Bn. (2nd Bn.) will be in support in position in Bois les EPINES. Complete orders will follow. See that you have plenty of wire cutters. You will be sure to be in the woods before there is visibility tomorrow to prevent shelling.

Hour—23:30. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. 131. From—C. O. 131. Message—You will assemble your battalion less 1 Co. immediately and march to DONCOURT and come under the command of Major Allen. You will meet Co. B. 124th M. G. Bn. at DONCOURT who will be attached to you, will be at DONCOURT at 5 A. M., 10th Nov. Your company on mission to hold St. HILAIRE will continue its mission. Major Allen's command will be at DONCOURT, crossing on DONCOURT-WOEL Road at that time. Your present M. G. Co. will assemble at your present Bn. Hq. and await further orders.

Hour—23:45. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. 131. From—C. O. 131. Message—Give the exact location of your position. The regiment will attack Bois de WARVILLE tomorrow morning, change your plans as follows. Clean up Bois de WARVILLE and Bois les EPINES and hold the N. W. edges with outposts and your support immediately behind in depth. Send runners to DONCOURT to meet the other Bns. Rest of the force will meet you in the woods about dawn. Acknowledge quickly.

Hour—23:45. Sent to—C. O. 124th M. G. Bn. From—C. O. 131. Message—(Phoned) You will have your companies A & B go to DONCOURT and meet me or my representative at 5 A. M.

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Hour—1:05. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 1st Bn. Message—Quiet enemy in front.

Hour—6:50. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 1st Bn. 131. Message—Lt. O'Dea and Lt. Gegenback successful. No report on Lt. Hall, or Lt. Cronin. I am in contact with enemy.

Hour—7:15. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—3rd Bn. is now located in Bois de WARVILLE and 2nd Bn. in Bois les EPINES. My P. C. is located at present at 535.539.

Hour—7:15. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 1st Bn. 131. Message—Your message dated 12:20 A. M., Nov. 10, recd. at 6:00 A. M. "D" Co. was in Bois WARVILLE when 3rd Bn. arrived. Am in touch with Wagner. Will withdraw Gegenback from Bois la VACHERIE and move to support at once.

Hour—7:25. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 1st Bn. Message—Message dated Nov. 10th, 12:30 A. M. recd. understood guides will be in DONCOURT crossroads. Have possession of Bois les EPINES. No report from Lt. Cronin in Bois de WARVILLE will notify you by code word (Jaz Boo) as soon as WARVILLE WOODS is occupied. Lt. Gegenback has possession of Bois LaVACHERIE. Get Artillery fire on BERTAUCOURT Farm Enemy.

Hour—8:45. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 1st Bn. Message—Secured possession of Bois les Haute EPINES at 10:00 P. M. Secured possession LaVACHERIE Bois at 12 M. 11/10. Secured possession of Bois de WARVILLE at 2:00 A. M. was not notified by Cronin until 6:40 A. M. Lt. Wyreck has no opposition taking Bois les Haute EPINES. Lt. Gegenback found circuit wire in LaVACHERIE. Also drove out M. G. and captured gun, but no prisoners. I beat off counter attack at 6 A. M. coming from our right. LaVIEUX Bois held strongly by the enemy last night. Cronin met heavy opposition in Bois de WARVILLE. Drove them out and had woods clear by morning. Reed. message dated 12:30 A. M. 11/10 at 6 A. M. heard heavy traffic on road DONCOURT-Bois les Haute EPINES Road. Sent patrol to investigate found Magner, 2nd and 3rd Bns. Changed my disposition. Withdrew G from LaVACHERIE Woods. Pulled Cronin into Bois les Haute EPINES. Enemy has a few Minenwerfers some L. A. and plenty of M. G.s on our front. Also saw Infantry when he counterattacked. My P. C. will remain here (541 53.5) will keep you advised, everything quiet at this time.

Hour—8:50. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. From—C. O. 131. Message—Report your own and enemy positions and if you have WARVILLE and EPINES WOODS. We must know quickly as an attack is to be made on HARVILLE WOOD. Also report if any other Bns. have arrived and which one.

Hour—8:50. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 1st Bn. Message—Artillery falling short.

Hour—8:55. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. Co. C. 131. Message—I sent Capt. Wilson 40 men from my Company last night. He asked for 50 more now. They have gone with an officer. I am holding outpost light, but can hold my front.

Hour—9:00. Sent to—C. O. 66th Bde. From—C. O. 131. Message—BERTAUCOURT FARM occupied by enemy M. G.'s. We occupy Bois EPINES and Bois LaVACHERIE awaiting report on Bois WARVILLE.

Hour—9:05. Sent to—C. O. 1st Bn. From—C. O. 131. Message—Why not use your T. M. and 1-lb. Cannon on BERTAUCOURT FARM. Can't use Artillery for this class of work.

Hour—9:10. Sent to—C. O. 66th Bde., Co. O. 33rd Div. From—C. O. 131. Message—Major Allen sick, Capt. Stockwell in command of 3rd Bn. 131.

Hour—9:10. Sent to—C. O. 2nd Bn. From—C. O. 131. Message—Advise me quick when you expect to be in position. We attack this morning you must be ready at a moment's notice to support the attack or protect the flanks.

Hour—9:15. Sent to—C. O. 3rd Bn. From—C. O. 131. Message—Advise me quick when you get in position and where. Be ready to attack at once when ordered.

Hour—9:25. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 1st Bn. Message—Plymouth in position outposts along N. E. edge of WARVILLE & EPINES WOOD. 3rd Bn. in position in WARVILLE WOOD. 2nd Bn. in support in EPINES WOOD. Start Artillery fire when you wish on HARVILLE WOOD, also on BERTAUCOURT FARM. ADVISE how long Artillery fire will continue.

Hour—9:30. Sent to—C. O. 66th Bde. From—C. O. 131. Message—(Above Phoned.)

Hour—10:00. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O. 66th Bde. Message—Artillery action now on HARVILLE WOOD will cease at 11:00 hr. Be ready to jump in at this time and see that support Bn. is ready to protect and support your flanks. Acknowledge and follow out.

Hour—10:10. Sent to—C.O. 3rd Bn. From—C.O. 131st. Message—(Above message relayed to 3rd Bn. 131st.)

Hour—10:35. Sent to—C.O. 1st Bn. From—C.O. 131st. Message—Artillery is

shelling BOIS de HARVILLE. At 11:00 hr. Artillery will cease and 3rd Bn. will attack HARVILLE WOODS. You will advance and occupy LA BERTAUCOURT FARM and hold it as flank protection for troops attacking HARVILLE WOODS as soon as Artillery ceases.

Malstrom Notes—Artillery received their orders to fire on HARVILLE WOOD, COTE 227; LA BERTAUCOURT FARM at 10:30 a. m., but immediately received orders to quit. We were to attack at 11:00 hr.

Hour—10:45. Sent to—C.O. 3rd Bn. From—C.O. 131st. Message—Select a position forward in HARVILLE WOODS and hold it. Watch flanks and ask for protection if required. Our troops (Capt. Wilson's 2 Cos.) will occupy BERTAUCOURT FARM. This cancels Par. 4 - e and f in F.O.49, pertaining to withdrawing troops.

Hour—11:30. Sent to—C.O. 1st Bn. From—C.O. 131st. Message—How many of your troops are forward and how many at WOEL. Take no more troops from WOEL, except on C.O. 131st orders. Reply at once.

Hour—11:35. Sent to—C.O. Co. C. From—C.O. 131st. Message—How many men at your outpost and at WOEL. Never mind your outpost, send no more men out except on orders of C.O. 131st. Hold your men in readiness at WOEL and keep in touch with this P.C. thru Message Center at WOEL in CHATEAU. Pick up all stragglers in WOEL and report on same, reply immediately.

Hour—12:35. Sent to—C.O. 131st (Malstrom). From—C.O. 2nd Bn. Message—Everybody set, but need Artillery support. What can we expect?

Hour—12:35. Sent to—Capt. Malstrom. From—C.O. 3rd Bn. Message—Enemy seen digging in at 53.3-55.8 to 53.8-55.7. Want Artillery to fire on this crest.

Hour—13:00. Sent to—C.O. 2nd Bn. From—C.O. 131st. Message—(Repeated by phone.) Attacks are being made by 28th Div. on JONVILLE on our right and HARVILLE on our left by 65th Bde. Capt. Stockwell has sent no information as to whether he has attacked or not—go over and take command of 3rd Bn. Move forward and capture HARVILLE WOODS. If you need help your own Bn. is within reach—use it. Send reports of action continuously. Order Signals to do what you want to keep in touch.

Hour—12:55. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.G. 66th Bde. Message—Bois des HARAVILLERS is held by 110th, send one platoon with two M.G. to connect up with them at N.W. edge. They also occupy FARM des Hts. JOURNAUX. Have them go from WOEL and along the west and north edge of HARAVILLERS WOOD and connect up.

Hour—13:35. Sent to—C.O. Co. C. From—C.O. 131st. Message—You will send one platoon of Infantry and two M. G.'s immediately to the N.E. edge of Bois des HARAVILLERS, about 57.0-52.3, and connect up with 110th Infantry. Rush report of departure of platoon and have platoon leader rush message through to this P.C. when he has connected up. Have them go along southeast edge of the Bois de la VOYE, west edge of HARAVILLERS WOODS to 110th Infantry.

Hour—13:50. Sent to—Capt. Malstrom. From—C.O. 2nd Bn. Message—Message relating to par. 4. Time 11:15 a. m., just received. Am I supposed to see it? Was addressed to 3rd Bn. Must have artillery support.

Hour—13:50. Sent to—Captain Malstrom. From—C.O. 1st. Bn. Message—Received orders to attack BERTAUCOURT FARM at 11 a. m. Lt. Gegenback attacked from right flank. Capt. Magner advises me that he will be unable to attack until 11:30 when he advances I will advance. Lt. Gegenback has withdrawn to former position to wait for 3rd Bn. to get ready. Enemy has M. G. along near edge of Bois de HARVILLE along LATUILERIE Trench system in La BERTAUCOURT FARM. Second Bn. intelligence report that enemy withdrew from artillery over hill 218.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—C.O. 131. From—C.O. 2nd Bn. Message—I have started to advance with 3rd Bn.

Hour—14:00. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O. 1st Bn. Message—Have with me on front line 45 men from A. 31 B., 25 men from C., 40 men from D., 15 men from B. H. Q., remainder of Bn. is at WOEL under command of Lt. Davis. Captain Magner wants me to furnish 20 men as ammunition carriers. The only place I can spare these men from is WOEL. Will you issue order to have them report to my P.C.? I need all the men I have to hold my line.

Hour—14:07. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O. 1st Bn. Message—Referring to your message No. 6, 8:30 a. m., Nov. 10th, 1918. All woods were in our hands before attacking troops arrived, both other Bns. are here in position. Enemy holds Bois de HARVILLE Trench system, BERTAUCOURT FARM, La VIEUX WOODS, enemy aircraft active.

Hour—14:30. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O. 2nd Bn. Message—Third Bn. has started to advance, enemy fire heavy, all o. k.

Hour—14:40. Sent to—C.O. Sup. 131st. From—Capt. Malstrom (telephone). Message—Notified to bring up ammunition in limbers to edge of Bois les EPINES for three Bns. also to note roads and look out for place for cookers.

Hour—14:40. Sent to—Sig. Offr. From—Capt. Malstrom. Message—Eight miles of wire coming.

Hour—14:40. Sent to—Sig. Offr. From—Capt. Malstrom. Message—Get in touch with St. HILAIRE by phone and runners.

Hour—14:55. Sent to—Capt. Malstrom. From—C.O. 2nd Bn. Message—Cannot advance any further, using direct artillery fire on us. M.G. fire very heavy, will hold ground till out of wood.

Hour—15:00. Sent to—C.O. 2nd Bn. From—Capt. Malstrom. Message—Where are you?

Hour—15:03. Sent to—C.O. 131st. From—C.O. 3rd Bn. Message—Attack started at 2:22 p. m. from N.W. edge of WARVILLE WOODS—meeting Machine Gun opposition.

Hour—15:10. Sent to—Capt. Magner. From—Capt. Malstrom. Message—60,000 rounds went forward to south edge of Les EPINES along DONCOURT Road on 2nd Bn. limbers. Meet them and establish dump. Have everybody use their own personal names during attacks in addition to code names as officers change too fast.

Hour—15:20. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—Lt. Casey, 2nd Bn. Message—3rd Bn. in woods about 200 yards and advancing. Heavy M. G. and rifle fire continually 543-543. (Phoned.)

Hour—15:20. Sent to—Sig. Officer. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—I must have a buzzer stationed at advance P. C. Want same installed at once. (Phoned.)

Hour—15:20. Sent to—Capt. Malstrom. From—Magner. Message—Lt. Cohrs will meet limbers for G. & H. & B. H. Q. at DONCOURT at 12 Midnight, also arrange to have rations for I. K. L. M. (Phoned.)

Hour—15:50. Sent to—Capt. Malstrom. From—Magner. Message—Have captured prisoners. (Phoned.)

Hour—15:55. Sent to—Capt. Malstrom. From—Magner. Message—Have reached objective in F. O. 49. Have captured 3 more prisoners. (Phoned.)

Hour—16:00. Sent to—Capt. Malstrom. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—Following strong M. G. resistance, have not reached wood yet.

Hour—16:00. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 1st Bn., Wilson. Message—Enemy massing Infantry Le HARVILLE WOOD and on our right, I am in same place.

Hour—17:00. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. Co. C., Lt. Davis. Message—Liaison post with 110th Regt. composed of 2 officers and 50 men with 2 M. G.'s was established at 5 p. m. at point about 5.69-52.1, Chambly 1 & 2.

Hour—17:55. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 1st Bn. Message—Artillery fired few shots at 7:45 a. m. fell 200 yards short in to Bois Les Haute EPINES.

Hour—18:15. Sent to—C. O. of Co. F 131 at ST. HILAIRE. From—C. O. 131. Message—At 5 a. m. tomorrow morning a heavy artillery destructive fire will be laid down on BUTGNEVILLE about a kilo N. E. of you. You will advance to town and following the artillery shoot take this town of BUTGNEVILLE and hold same using your entire force of one Co. and 4 M. G.'s. Acknowledge receipt of this message and keep us informed hourly or oftener of your moves also have phone connections made with St. HILAIRE and WOEL tonight and have signal officer at WOEL follow you in the attack with a wire. (Phoned.)

Hour—18:20. Sent to—Capt. Magner. From—C. O. 131. Message—You are being reinforced tonight by two Bns. of 132nd, also our M. G. Co. has advanced to forward area. Hold ground until reinforcements come. Food, and ammunition are coming.

Hour—18:45. Sent to—Capt. Magner. From—C. O. 131. Message—I will be at WOEL at 5 a. m. with 2 Bns. 132nd in reserve. The woods in front of you will be shelled from 5 to 5:45 a. m. following which you will push on and clean up the woods. Keep in touch with me by phone at WOEL.

Hour—18:50. Sent to—Capt. Malstrom. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—Woods full of gas, could not hold line and troops retired to WARVILLE WOOD. Men cannot stay in this gas. All woods and plain full of gas. Advise what I shall do, Casualties 50, waiting reply.

Hour—20:45. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. 2nd Bn. Message—Could not hold position. Now am in Bois WARVILLE. Position too heavily held by enemy. Casualties four officers about 50 O. R. On account of gas and heavy fire could not hold with troops that I had.

Hour—21:00. Capt. Malstrom notes. From—C. O. 66th Bde. After reading message of Capt. Magner's that they retired to WARVILLE WOODS on account of gas—the General said "Well they will have to avoid the gas. Then look out for the gas tomorrow and take the rest of the wood and turn to the right, take DAME WOOD then go inside the wire to JONVILLE. I will talk to C. O. 131 about it tomorrow."

Hour—22:10. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—C. O. Co. F., ST. HILAIRE. Message—We have no telephonic communication with WADONVILLE or any other place. How long will this barrage last on BUTGNEVILLE? I have made daylight raids and hop-overs in the last two days following two days in line. My men have had no sleep for four days, no rations and have no water. Let me have further information in this matter.

Hour—23:30. Sent to—Capt. Malstrom. From—28th Div. L. O. at 66th Bde. Message—Battalion on the left flank will remain in place. Remainder of the Brigade will attack east of LACAUSSE in the morning. Time not yet known.

DATE—NOVEMBER 11th, 1918.

Hour—00:40. Sent to—C. O. 124 M. G. Bn. From—C. O. 65th Bde. Message—Request the M. G. in St. HILAIRE to give as much support as possible to the north of MARCHEVILLE tomorrow a. m.

Hour—1:00. Sent to—C. O. 131. From—M. G. Co. 131 C. O. Message—Relief of 124th M. G. Bn. at 1 a. m. completed.

Hour—6:20. Sent to—C. O. 135 F. A. From—C. O. 131. Message—(Phoned) by Lt. Hancock, L. O.—Request Art. Fire for one hour on S. W. Edge of Bois d'HARVILLE and cross roads north of BERTAUCOURT FARM.

Hour—7:30. Sent to—33rd Div. Opr. Officer. From—C. O. 131. Message—Notify all concerned 131st P. C. moved from 482.486 to WOEL change to take effect immediately.

Hour—8:25. Sent to—Capt. Malstrom. From—Lt. Beaman. Message—(Phoned) San Francisco (F. Co.) wants 1st Aid packages brought to St. HILAIRE. (C. O. says job is impossible.)

Hour—10:45. Sent to—Capt. Weimer, C. O. Co. E. From—Capt. Malstrom. Message—Let me know how many men you have at WADONVILLE, also on whose orders you are there. Rush reply and orders will follow. (Message to Kahn, Sig. Man 131 Inf. who was going to Capt. Weimer at once. He was at 2nd Bn. P. C.)

Hour—13:30. Sent to—Capt. Malstrom. From—C. O. 131. Message—M. G. 131 to go to HANNONVILLE, 1-2nd Bns. to HANNONVILLE 3rd Bn. to THILLOT. Detail at ST. MAURICE to THILLOT.

Notes of work effected: From—Capt. Malstrom. Limber from Hq. Co. was ordered to Bois Les EPINES at 2 p. m. 11-11-18 to pick up dead bodies. It was turned over to CHAPLAIN EGERTON.

An Intelligence detail was sent forward at 1 p. m. to check captured property in fighting zone, under command of P. H. Pressey.

Hour—14:15. Sent to—Lt. Schnepf, Co. F. St. HILAIRE. From—Capt. Malstrom. Message—C. O. 131 orders you to assemble your detail and return to HANNONVILLE this afternoon and report to your C. O. Look out for gas.

Hour—14:35. Sent to—C. O. M. G. Co. 131. From—Capt. Malstrom. Message—C. O. 131 directs you to proceed to THILLOT and billet with the 3rd Bn. who will also arrive there. Phoned to Lt. Beaman at WOEL and by runner to DONCOURT.

Hour—14:45. Sent from—C. O. Co. E. 131. Message—(Answer to message to Capt. Weimer from Capt. Malstrom) (sent me a message which I just received.) I came to WADONVILLE outpost by order of Capt. Magner relieving F. Co. on night of Nov. 7/8 was to be relieved night of 9th at 8 p. m., Nov. 9th, received order that relief would not be made that night, but would be arranged for the following night. No relief has occurred. I have with me 100 men of E. Co., 6 men of H. Co., 2 men of Hq. Co. The 6 H. Co. are men who were sent to me by 2nd Bn. in response to my request for N. C. O. and old men to assist me in control of replacement men who are hard to handle on account of constant and intensive shell fire. The two Hq. Co. men are signallers, and runners. They have tried to reach the Hq. They have moved but don't know where. Have not heard from them since yesterday morning.

Hour—15:10. Sent to—Capt. Malstrom. From—C. O. 131. Message—Tell the Brigade Commander that Germans are walking all over this territory and Americans are doing the same on the German side. Pancake (132nd) is now in command of lines and wants to know what orders the General wants to issue in regards to. (General Wolf.) Ans. Germans are not to enter our lines under any circumstances.

Hour—15:10. Sent to—Capt. Weimer. From—Capt. Malstrom. Message—You will move and rejoin your Battalion in HANNONVILLE this afternoon, reporting to your C. O. when he arrives. 2nd Bn. billets in HANNONVILLE today. (Relayed by phone to Capt. Weimer at 3:10.)

CHAPTER XVIII

FIELD ORDERS 66TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

1918-1919

HEADQUARTERS, 66th INFANTRY BRIGADE, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

30th June, 1918—2:30 P. M.

FIELD ORDERS NO. 4:

MAPS: 1:40,000 Sheet 62d: 1:100,000 AMIENS.

1. In compliance with Field Orders No. 7, Hq., 33rd Div., A. E. F., 30th June, 1918, and under arrangements with the Australian and III Corps, the following organizations of this Brigade will proceed at once by march, as follows:

(a) 1st Battalion, 131st Infantry, (less Company "C") Major H. E. Cheney, Commanding, to ALLONVILLE, reporting upon arrival for duty with the 11th Australian Brigade.

Route: PIERREGOT-MOLLIENS-au-BOIS,—cross roads 700 yards north of ST. GRATIEN-ALLONVILLE.

(b) 2nd Battalion, 131st Infantry, (less Company "E") Major P. C. Gale commanding, to BUSSY-LES-DAOURE, reporting upon arrival for duty to the 4th Australian Brigade.

Route: PIERREGOT-MOLLIENS-au-BOIS-ST. GRATIEN-QUERRIEU-BUSSY.

2. Standing orders number 358 IV Army governing distances between units will be observed.

PAUL A. WOLF,
Brigadier General.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.

September, 1918. M—.

FIELD ORDERS NO. 16:

MAP Reference: VERDUN "B", 1:20,000.

1. (a) "Enemy probably holds front line from the MEUSE (excl) to MALAN-COURT, with one Division. Enemy's units are weak, discouraged, of poor morale and afraid of Americans.

(b) On the left of this Bde. is the 80th American Div. Mission: Will attack in co-operation with this Brigade.

On the right, the 66th Regt. of the 2nd French Army. Mission: Will probably raid along the right bank of the MEUSE. (Note: Troops must be cautioned not to fire in this direction unless fired upon.)

2. (a) This Brigade will attack at "H" hour in general direction of GER-COURT and will organize the left bank of the MEUSE from FORGES (incl) to DANNEVOUX (excl) protecting the right flank of the general advance.

(b) ZONE OF ACTION:

Boundaries: (See map attached.)

Objectives: (See map attached.)

3. (a) This Brigade will attack with two Regiments side by side, in the front line. Each Regiment will attack with two Bn's. plus two M. G. Cos. in first line, and one Bn. in second line at 500 yards distance. Bns. to take formation as described in Bulletin No. 160a, "Battalion in Assault," i. e., 2 Cos. in front line and 2 Cos. in support. Distances to be gained during the advance.

(b) The 131st Regt. on the left, plus Co. B, 124th M. G. Bn. will attack so as to reach quickly the open ground East and North of GERCOURT and DRILLENCOURT, and Trench du Bois Jure, so as to assist the 132nd Regiment in the reduction of the Bois De FORGES. Rate of march for the 131st Regt.: 100 meters in 4 minutes.

MISSION of 131st Regt.

Organize West bank of MEUSE for Defense, from DANNEVOUX (excl) to 0993 (incl).

(c) The 132nd Regt. on the right, plus Co. A, 124th M. G. Bn. will attack and clean up the Bois de FORGES to the MEUSE river. Rate of march for the 132nd Regt.: 100 meters in 5 minutes.

MISSION OF 132nd Regt.

Organize West bank of the MEUSE for defense, from 0993 (excl) to FORGES (incl).

NOTE: All units will be in position 2 hours before "H" hour.

Both Regiments will occupy the left bank of the MEUSE with organized strong points of combat groups of not less than one platoon each. Forming up line immediately in front of our own line.

Both Regiments will maintain a distance of 300 meters behind the rolling barrage. As the attack progresses each Regiment will promptly clean up its entire zone of action.

CAUTION: Especially in the Bois de FORGES, troops are not to approach closer than 300 meters to the Artillery barrage.

(d) The 131st Regt. will maintain Combat Liaison with the 132nd Regt. during the attack.

(e) DIVISION RESERVES: The 65th Inf. Brigade is to assemble at "H" plus 2 hours within the Brigade area in the present outpost zone and in the Position of Resistance in the Brigade Sector and will remain at the disposition of the Division Commander.

BRIGADE RESERVES:

(f) The Brigade reserve will be formed as follows:

Division M. G. Bn. (122nd).

1. Co. in Trenches VAUX-SETIF.

3 Cos. in HAUTE de la COTE de L'OIE.

2nd N Battalion Engineers, less 2 Cos.

4. DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITS:

(a) Artillery. (See Artillery Plan).

(b) Machine Gun. (See Annex No.)

(c) Air Service. (See Annex No.)

(d) Tanks. (See Annex No.)

(e) Engineers:

The Commanding officer of 2nd Battalion of Engineers will have charge of laying the bridge over FORGES stream and of further means of crossing for Artillery and other transport.

One Company of Engineers will accompany each Regiment in the attack under the command of the Regimental C. O.'s. The Engineers will bring up to the front line trenches by night of "D" the necessary materials for construction of at least two bridges per Regiment across FORGES Creek.

(f) Gas.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Co. of Corps Gas Troops will report for duty to each Regimental Commander on afternoon of 23rd Sept.

NOTE for all Troops:

Troops will be equipped as follows:

Battle dress:

2 days rations (reserve) per man.

220 rounds S. A. ammunition per man.

2 canteens of water, per man.

2 sandbags, per man.

2 hand grenades, per man.

Pick and 2 shovels in proportion of two shovels to one pick (to be obtained from the Engineers) in addition to portable intrenching tools.

Mess kit and slicker in haversack.

Heavy pack will be left under suitable guard.

5. EVACUATION AND SUPPLY: (See Annex No.)

(a) CIRCULATION AND PRISONERS:

Prisoners will be sent to Brigade P. C. FLAGEY with all possible speed under the directions of Battalion Commanders where they will be taken over by a representative of G-2. A detachment of Military Police will be detailed for this work.

(b) Stragglers Posts at CHATTENCOURT and MARRE under the direction of the Brigade Commander.

(c) Division advance Dressing Stations at P. C. ALEXANDER.

6. LIAISON: (For Plan of Liaison see Annex No.).

(a) Axis of Liaison for Brigade:

FLAGEY:

TAZA.

PAULINE.

Point 0769.

DRILLENCOURT.

GERCOURT.

(b) In the Bois de FORGES, the position of front lines of Infantry will be indicated to Airplanes by Very Lights as per schedule.

(c) P. C.s. before and during attack:

Division, LA HUTTE.

Brigade, FLAGEY.

131st Regt., RETHEL.

132nd Regt., PAULINE.

PAUL A. WOLF,
Brigadier General.

SECRET.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.

25th September, 1918.

CHANGES TO FIELD ORDERS NO. 16, PLATTE:

1. Paragraph 4 (DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITS) section (e), is revised as follows:

(e) The Commanding officer of 108th Engineers will have charge of the laying of the bridges over FORGES Stream and of further means of crossing for Artillery and other transport.

One Company of Engineers will accompany each Regiment in the attack under the command of the Regimental C. O.'s.

The Engineers will bring up to the front line trenches by night of "D"—1 day, the necessary material for construction of at least two bridges per Regiment across FORGES Creek.

PAUL A. WOLF,
Brigadier General.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.

25th September, 1918.

MEMORANDUM:

To No. 1. Pliable.

No. 1. Pancake.

No. 1. Phosphorous.

1. Axis of liaison of 319th Infantry is as follows:

1st P. C. 9235.

2nd P. C. Hill 281-7570.

3rd P. C. 7305.

2. This Regiment will maintain combat liaison with Pliable by means of two Platoons of Infantry and four machine guns.

3. Code name of Regiment: Haddie.

By command of Brigadier General Wolf.

H. P. ERSKINE,
Captain, Bde. Adjutant.

SECRET.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.

26th September, 1918.

ORDERS NO. 3.

1. Engineer Companies now attached to Pliable and Pancake will report as soon as practicable at the entrance of GALLWITZ TUNNEL at the disposition of Patterson I.

2. Regimental Commanders will immediately make a reconnaissance of bridges and other crossings over the MEUSE river in their respective Sectors with a view to determining whether these crossings could be used by the Boche in a counter attack. Immediate steps will be taken to guard against it. Full reports to be made at the earliest possible moment.

By command of Brigadier General Wolf.

H. P. ERSKINE,
Captain, Bde. Adjutant.

SECRET.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.

3rd October, 1918, 14:00 h.

FIELD ORDERS No. 17.

MAPS. VERDUN "B," 1:20,000.

FORGES, 1:10,000.

MONTFAUCON, 1:50,000.

1. The 131st Regiment will take over the FORGES quarter now occupied by the 132nd Regiment, on night of 3rd and 4th October, 1918.

2. Upon completion of relief, the 132nd Regiment will proceed to vicinity of MALANCOURT North of RAU de FORGES, following the most direct route. This Regiment is to be Corps Reserve.

3. (a) Billeting parties will proceed at once to reconnoitre the area to be taken over.

(b) The necessary advance parties for taking over Sector dumps and stores will be detailed by Regimental Commanders.

(c) All defense schemes, details of intelligence and trench stores will be taken over. Defense scheme of 132nd Regiment will remain in force pending issue of defense scheme by 131st Regiment.

(d) All these organizations, with reference to rations and ammunition, should be ready for combat.

(e) Subject to the terms of this order, the details of reliefs will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.

4. Cos. "A" and "B," 124th Machine Gun Bn. will report at P. C. 131st Regiment tonight under direction of Division Machine Gun Officers.

5. Existing orders with reference to concealment, marching in small units with distance, will be observed.

6. Every effort will be made to prevent blocking traffic north and south.

7. Command of the Regimental Sector, FORGES, will pass to Commanding Officer 131st Regiment, on completion of the relief.

8. (a) Commanding Officer of 132nd Regiment will inform these Headquarters of the hour of departure for and hour of arrival at his new destination.

(b) Completion of all moves and reliefs will be reported by telephone, using code word "Illini."

PAUL A. WOLF,

Brigadier General.

P. C. PLATTE,

October 3, 1918.

MEMORANDUM: No. 13.

1. Liaison groups each consisting of one Infantry platoon and one M. G. Section will be detailed at once for the purpose of establishing mixed combat liaison with neighboring units.

Each group under the command of an officer, and stationed as follows:

(a) 1 Group in liaison with 65th Brigade on the left.

½ platoon located in the zone of outposts.

½ platoon located in the positions of resistance.

(b) 1 Group in liaison with the squad detailed by the 18th (French) Infantry Division on the right—located on the Cote de l'Oie.

2. Arrangements for the exact location of the above groups and for the assignment of M. G. Sections will be made between the C. O.'s of the Regiments concerned and these Headquarters will then be informed.

By order of Brigadier General Wolf.

H. P. ERSKINE,
Captain, Bde. Adjutant.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.

France, October 6, 1918.

MEMORANDUM: No. 15.

To: PLIABLE.

1. The following paragraphs of memo. G/3 are quoted for your information:

“4” The mission of the Machine Guns of the 123rd Machine Gun Battalion in BOIS de la COTE LEMONT is unchanged.

“5” For the purpose of this operation, the two Machine Gun Companies, namely A and D, 124th Machine Gun Bn., pass to your command.

By command of Brigadier General Wolfe.

H. P. ERSKINE,
Captain, Bde. Adjutant.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.,

October 7, 1918.

MEMORANDUM No. 16.

To: No. 1 Pliable.

1. You will detail one Battalion with one Machine Gun Company to report to No. 1 Pancake, immediately for orders.

By command of Brigadier General Wolf.

H. P. ERSKINE,
Captain, Bde. Adjutant.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.

October 7, 1918.

MEMORANDUM No. 17.

To: PHOSPHOROUS No. 1.

1. Companies A and D of PHOSPHOROUS will report to PANCAKE No. 1 at once for orders.

By command of Brigadier General Wolf.

H. P. ERSKINE,
Captain, Bde. Adjutant.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.

October 9, 1918.

MEMORANDUM: No. 18.

To: PLIABLE No. 1.
PANCAKE No. 1.
PHOSPHOROUS No. 1.

1. Operations will be resumed in the morning. Machine Guns will fire on Blue Trench just west of the BOIS de CHAUME, just east of the MEUSE and about 1000 meters south of SIVRY, until 7:00 a. m. Machine guns will also fire on SIVRY and the country east of SIVRY, to prevent any enemy counter-attack, until about 7:50 a. m.

By Command of Platte No. 1.

H. P. ERSKINE,
Platte 11.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.,

October 9th, 1918, 11:45 p. m.

FIELD ORDERS: No. 19.

Maps VERDUN B, 1: 20,000.
BRANDEVILLE, 1: 20,000.

1. (a) The 66th Brigade will attack at "H" hour 6:05 a. m. 10th October, 1918, in the general direction magnetic North.

(b) Mission of the Brigade to clear the Bois Plat Chene and the Bois de Chaume and exploit to the second exploitation objective of the Corps.

(c) The Brigade will attack in conjunction with the 115th American Regiment on the right.

*(d) The 132nd Regiment, minus one Battalion, plus one Bn. of the 129th Infantry, are now holding the trenches south of the Bois de CHAUME.

2. LIMITS OF ZONE OF ACTION:

Right boundary—24th Meridian.

Left boundary—MEUSE river.

Objectives—Line of outposts:

Second exploitation objective

VILLENEUVE Fme—along grid line 84 through valley of the CORNUILLER to 24th Meridian.

Line to be consolidated.

Trench de l'HOPITAL along north edge of BOIS de CHAUME and BOIS de PLAT CHENE to Meridian 24.

3. GENERAL PLAN:

(a) The Brigade will attack with the following units: The 131st Infantry minus one Battalion, one Bn. of the 129th Infantry, two Companies 124th M. G. Bn., one Company 122nd M. G. Bn. The above under the command of the Commanding Officer 131st Infantry.

(b) The Battalions will attack side by side, one Bn. in reserve following and protecting the right flank.

(c) The troops will assemble immediately in rear of Bois de CHAUME trenches and will be in positions to attack at 4:00 a. m.

(d) The attacking units will proceed at "H" hour (6:05 a. m.) north, through the 132nd Infantry, who will remain in their present position until further orders. Rate of march through the Bois de Chaume, 100 meters each 6 minutes.

(e) Brigade Reserve:

One Battalion 130th Infantry.

One Battalion 129th Infantry.

One Company 122nd M. G. Bn.

Reserve will assemble immediately north of CONSENVOYE by 5:00 a. m.

4. ARTILLERY: Barrage to fall 500 meters in front of trenches occupied by our Infantry. Rolling barrage will progress at rate of 100 meters each six minutes through Bois de Chaume to line of second exploitation objective, when it will pass 300 meters beyond that and then a standing barrage will be fired. The front covered by the barrage is 1,800 meters starting from 22 meridian and will extend 24, rate of fire 60 rounds per hour, 100 meters each six minutes. There will be a concentration of 155's in Ravine PLAT CHENE and on other points on back areas of Bois de CHAUME.

5. LIAISON: Combat Liaison will be maintained with the 115th Infantry on the right by the C. O. of the 131st Infantry.

6. Position of P. C. PLATTE before the H hour, 195-783; after the H hour, 229-788.

WOLF,

Brigadier General.

Reed. from Capt. Erskine 12:00 p. m. 9th Oct., 1918.

*Par. 1 (d) should read plus 1 Bn. 131st Inf. (2nd Bn.).

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.

October 9th, 1918—12:00 midnight.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER.

ADDENDUM TO FIELD ORDERS NO. 19.

1. SUPPLY and EVACUATION:

(a) First Aid Stations at CONSENVOYE and BRABANT.

(b) Dressing Station at Cote de ROCHES.

(c) Evacuation Hospital, unchanged.

(d) Supply Trains, unchanged.

(e) Trains may cross river MEUSE at MARRE and may advance as far north as CONSENVOYE.

(f) Ammunition and ration dump at CONSENVOYE.

2. Regulation prescribed battle dress to be worn by all units.

3. (a) Stragglers Posts will be established under the direction of the Reserve Commander in the vicinity of CONSENVOYE.

(b) Prisoners under the direction of the Reserve Commander. They will be taken to FORGES and turned over to the Military Police for evacuation to the Division Cage.

4. Watches will be synchronized at 10:00 p. m. October 9th, 1918, by an Officer from Brigade Headquarters.

WOLF,

Brigadier General.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.

14th October, 1918, 10:30 a. m.

FIELD ORDERS: No. 20.

MAPS: VERDUN "A," 1:20,000.
VERDUN "B," 1:20,000.
BRANDEVILLE, 1:20,000.

1. In accordance with Addendum No. 1 to Field Orders No. 29, Headquarters, 33rd Division, the 65th Inf. Brigade will relieve the 66th Inf. Brigade on the East Bank of the MEUSE River, and the 66th Inf. Brigade will take over the Sector now occupied by part of the 65th Inf. Brigade on the West Bank of the MEUSE River.

2. (a) The reliefs necessary to accomplish this will commence at dusk on the night of 14th and 15th October, 1918, and will be carried out incessantly while darkness lasts. Any movements incomplete will be finished the following night.

(1) The 132nd Inf. now on the West Bank of the MEUSE, on the night of 14/15 October, 1918, will relieve the units of the 65th Inf. Brigade holding the line of the west bank of the river. The units of the 65th Inf. Brigade will then march to the east bank at once.

(2) The units of the 65th Inf. Brigade on the east bank of the river will relieve the units of the 66th Inf. Brigade holding the line, and the latter will then be marched to the west bank of the river.

(3) The CONSENVOYE Bridge will be used for this purpose, the right of way being given to the units of the 65th Inf. Brigade crossing from the west to the east bank of the river.

(4) Machine Gun Units will be so adjusted between the two Brigadiers, as to return them to their respective Brigades. Cos. A and B of the 122nd Machine Gun Bn. will be assembled in reserve near point 210-780, in the Bois de FORGES and these Headquarters will be notified when move is completed.

(b) The relief on the east bank of the river will be in charge of the Commanding General, 65th Inf. Brigade, who will confer with the Commanding General 66th Inf. Brigade as to the situation and take charge, upon being informed thereof. At the same time, the Commanding General, 65th Inf. Brigade, will inform the Commanding General, 66th Inf. Brigade, of the situation on the left bank of the river, and upon being so informed, the Commanding General, 66th Inf. Brigade, will take charge on the left bank of the river. All details of this relief will be arranged today, 14th October, 1918, during daylight.

(c) Necessary billeting parties will be sent at once on receipt of this order to arrange tentative billets for the Battalions of the 131st Infantry. Guides will meet incoming troops at the cross roads in Bois de FORGES.

3. (a) The 132nd Infantry Regt. will relieve the two Battalions of the 130th Inf. on left bank of MEUSE River and will take over the front line held by the 65th Inf. Brigade, with the 3rd Battalion, 132nd Inf. in line and 1st and 2nd Battalions, 132nd Inf. in support.

(b) The 131st Inf. Regt. will take position in Reserve in the Bois de FORGES and trench system from COTE 281 to 205-764.

(c) On the night of the 14/15 October, at dusk, the 1st Bn. of 129th Inf. will relieve the 2nd Bn. 131st Inf. now in support of front line on east bank of MEUSE. Upon being relieved, the 2nd Bn. 131st Inf. will report to Commanding Officer, 131st Inf. for orders and the command of the front line of the 66th Inf. Brigade, sector will pass to the Commanding Officer, 129th Inf.

(d) Co. B, 123rd M. G. Bn. now in front line of DANNEVOUX Sub-sector is to remain in position until relieved by Co. C 124th M. G. Bn. on the night of 15/16th October, 1918. Upon being relieved, the Commanding Officer Co. B 123rd M. G. Bn. will report to Commander of 65th Inf. Brigade for duty, and the Commanding Officer Co. C 124th M. G. Bn. will report to Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion 132nd Inf. for orders. Necessary details for relief will be arranged by Commanding Officers of Companies concerned. Other Machine Gun Cos. now attached to Battalions of the Brigade will remain with them.

(e) All maps, trench stores and intelligence data will be turned over to officers designated by Commanding Officer 129th Inf. upon completion of the relief.

4. SUPPLY and EVACUATION:

(a) Ammunition and supply dumps at CUMIERES.

(b) Evacuation (unchanged).

5. LIAISON: Combat liaison will be maintained by the 132nd Inf. with the unit of the 4th Division in front line on left by a combat liaison group of one platoon of Infantry and one section of Machine Guns.

6. P. C.'s after relief:

P. C. 66th Inf. Brigade—215-775.

P. C. 131st Inf.—Cote 281.

P. C. 132nd Inf.—160-796.

7. When respective reliefs are completed, report to this effect will be sent to these Headquarters with a sketch showing dispositions of all units.

WOLF,
Brigadier General.

MEMORANDUM.

24th October, 1918.

To: C. O. 131st Infantry.

1. You will designate two platoons of Infantry and one section of Machine Guns and an interpreter as reinforcement garrison to the Fort de TROYON. A reconnaissance will be made by the C. O.'s of each of these units. Necessary arrangements will be made by the Comdg. Officers concerned with the commandant Fort de TROYON.

2. You will also designate one Company of Infantry to relieve Co. C, 315th Infantry, now at LAVIGNEVILLE. Reconnaissances and arrangements to be made between C. O.'s concerned.

3. These details to be made at once.

By command of Brigadier General Wolf.

H. P. ERSKINE,
Captain, Bde. Adjutant.

To: PLIABLE 1.

From: PLATT 11.

P. C. GENICOURT 10-24-18, hour 4:25 p. m. sent by phone upon receipt of Division Field Order find that you are correct. Cancel order to reinforce garrison in Fort du Troyon.

(Signed) PLATT 11.

HILL.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.

October 28th, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

To: No. 1 Paralysis.

1. One Battalion of Pancake will relieve you tonight, probably after midnight. This is to give you warning to get ready to move to DEUXNOUDS, when relief is completed. The Machine Gun Co. now with you will be relieved tomorrow night.

2. You will have guides at your P. C. to conduct the troops of the incoming unit to their proper billets.

3. The Battalion on your left is sending out a patrol tonight, password "Wolf."
By command of Platte 1.

H. P. ERSKINE,
Captain, Bde. Adjutant.

Copies to: Patterson, Pliable, Pancake.

HEADQUARTERS 66TH INFANTRY BRIGADE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

France, November 4, 1918, 12:00 noon.

FIELD ORDERS NO.

1. The 131st Regiment will relieve the 132nd Regiment in the line.

2. Reliefs will commence 4th November, 1918, and will be completed by daylight, 7th November, 1918, in accordance with attached march table "A." (Note: Regimental Band 131st Inf. to remain at ST. MIHIEL.)

3. (a) Advance and billeting parties will leave 24 hours in advance of their units to arrange for guides and billeting.

(b) Further details will be arranged between C. O.'s of units concerned.

(c) Defense scheme, maps, trench stores, etc., pertaining to the sector will be taken over by the relieving units from corresponding units of the 132nd Infantry.

(d) Existing orders with reference to concealment and marching in small groups with distances will be strictly complied with.

4. Command of Regimental Sector will pass upon completion of the relief of the 132nd Regiment, and upon completion of relief of each Battalion these Headquarters will be notified at once, using code word "Springfield."

P. C.'s after completion of relief:

P. C. 66th Brigade, unchanged.

P. C. 131st Infantry Regt., 482-486.

P. C. 132nd Infantry Regt., CHAILLON.

WOLF,
Brigadier General.

HEADQUARTERS 66TH INFANTRY BRIGADE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

France, November 6th, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

To: Commanding Officer, 131st Infantry.

1. You will arrange to raid the village of ST. HILAIRE for the purpose of taking prisoners and obtaining identifications and killing BOCHE.

“D” day and “H” hour will be announced later.

2. (a) Zones of action and limits of raid. (See sketch attached.)

(b) Troops engaged: 2 Companies of Infantry as follows: One Company from DONCOURT and one Company from WADONVILLE.

(c) Assembly place for raid:

1 platoon from WADONVILLE to take position near sawmill MONCEL and facing ST. HILAIRE.

2. Companies less one platoon to assemble near cross roads at point 519-545.

(d) Conduct of raid:

(1) Platoon at sawmill MONCEL to remain in position during raid for purpose of cutting off escape of enemy to southwest and to take prisoners.

(2) Two Companies less one platoon to proceed along west bank of MONTRU stream forming up line between points 523-550 and 524-554 facing ST. HILAIRE.

At “H” hour these troops will proceed to within 200 yards of the rolling barrage and will follow same at rate of 100 yards each three minutes into ST. HILAIRE, where they will remain until “H” plus 45 minutes.

At “H” plus 45 minutes troops will return to our lines by way of ST. HILAIRE-WADONVILLE road.

(e) EQUIPMENT: Troops will be equipped in light marching order—100 rounds ammunition and at least two hand grenades per man. All identifications to be removed from both officers and men.

(f) RECONNAISSANCES: Necessary reconnaissances will be made on the night preceding the raid by the companies concerned.

3. ARTILLERY: (See Artillery plan attached.)

4. Request will be made that demonstration be conducted simultaneously by the units on the right and left of this sector.

5. All further details will be arranged by the Commanding Officer 131st Infantry.

By command of Brigadier General Wolf.

H. P. ERSKINE,
Captain Bde. Adjutant.

SECRET.

P. C. PLATTE, A. E. F.

November 7th, 1918.

ADDENDUM to Memorandum, 66th Inf. Brigade, November 6th, 1918.

TO ALL CONCERNED:

1. “D” day, November 8th, 1918; “H” hour, 5:45 a. m.

By command of Brigadier General Wolf.

H. P. ERSKINE,
Captain, Bde. Adjutant.

Distribution: To all recipients of Memo.

HEADQUARTERS 66TH INFANTRY BRIGADE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

France, November 8, 1918.

MEMORANDUM:

To C. O. 131st Infantry.

1. You will arrange to raid the village of ST. HILAIRE for the purpose of taking prisoners and obtaining identifications and killing Boche.

D day and H hour will be announced later.

2. (a) *Zones of action and limits of raid*: (Same as in Memo. these Hq. Nov. 6th.)

(b) *Troops engaged*: 2 Companies of Infantry as follows: One Company from DONCOURT and one Company from WADONVILLE.

(c) *Assembly point for raid*: DONCOURT.

(d) *Conduct of raid*: Two Companies to proceed to vicinity of pt. 527-557 so as to arrive there not earlier than 5 o'clock nor later than 5:35 a. m. and to form up across the ST. HILAIRE-BUTGNEVILLE road facing ST. HILAIRE.

At H minus 45 minutes the artillery will concentrate a destructive fire on ST. HILAIRE and other points which will continue until H hour, when the fire on ST. HILAIRE only will cease.

Artillery fire on points other than ST. HILAIRE will be continued until H plus one hour.

At H hour the troops will proceed to mop up the town of ST. HILAIRE until H plus 45 minutes.

At H plus 45 minutes the troops will return to our lines via ST. HILAIRE-WADONVILLE road.

(e) *Equipment*: Troops will be equipped in light marching order—100 rounds ammunition and at least two hand grenades per man. All identifications will be removed from both officers and men.

3. ARTILLERY: (See artillery plan attached.)

4. Request will be made that demonstration be conducted simultaneously by the units on the right and left of this sector.

5. All further details will be arranged by the C. O. 131st Infantry Regiment.

6. LIAISON: (a) Rocket signals unchanged, except for the following:

To call for repetition of raiding barrage or destructive fire on all points excepting ST. HILAIRE—one rocket of three white stars, or three separate rockets of one white star each.

Note: Garrisons at WADONVILLE, WOEL and DONCOURT must be on the alert by 5:30 a. m. and the C. O. of Garrison at WADONVILLE is specially charged with relay by buzzer phone of all rocket signals.

(b) P. C.'s unchanged.

By command of Brigadier General Wolf.

H. P. ERSKINE,
Captain, Bde. Adjutant.

ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM November 8th:

D day—November 9th, 1918.

H hour—5:45 a. m.

By command of Brigadier General Wolf.

H. P. ERSKINE,
*Captain, Bde. Adjutant.**Annex No. 1 to Memorandum to Commanding Officer, 131st Inf.*

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

MARCHEVILLE.

Between MARCHEVILLE and Cote 233.

BUTGNEVILLE.

S. W. edge of Bois d'HARVILLE.

Les RAPAILLIES.

OUTRIE L'EAU.

SMOKE ON POINTS:

MARCHEVILLE.

BUTGNEVILLE.

S. W. edge Bois d'HARVILLE.

ROLLING BARRAGE: 25 minutes.

STANDING BARRAGE: 55 minutes.

SECRET

P. C. 66th Inf. Brigade, A. E. F.

9th November, 1918, 1:00 p. m.

FIELD ORDERS: No. 23.

Map References: VIGENEULLES "A" and "B."

1. In accordance with telephone conversation this morning, 9th November, 1918, the following moves will take place at once:

(a) 2nd Battalion and Machine Gun Co. 132nd Infantry from DEUXNOUDS to ST. MAURICE.

(b) 1st Battalion 132nd Infantry from WOIMBEY to DEUXNOUDS.

(c) Balance of 132nd Infantry will be ready to move on instant notice.

2. RATIONS and EQUIPMENT: Two days' rations and light packs will be carried.

3. ADMINISTRATION:

(a) Commanding Officer will designate a place and arrange to leave surplus equipment with the necessary guard in their location.

(b) Brigade dump is already installed and under guard in DEUXNOUDS.

(c) Supply Officers will make arrangements accordingly.

(d) Billets: 2nd Battalion and Machine Gun Co. 132nd Infantry will arrange to billet men in and around ST. MAURICE.

(e) 1st Battalion 132nd Infantry will be billeted in DEUXNOUDS.

(f) Advance and billeting parties will proceed at once to their respective areas for billeting and reconnaissances.

4. Present P. C.'s unchanged.

WOLF,
Brigadier General.

HEADQUARTERS 66TH INFANTRY BRIGADE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

9th November, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS: No. 23.

Map Reference:

1. (a) It is reported that the enemy is making preparations for a withdrawal from our front. In view of the general situation, it is in doubt whether he is holding this front strongly or with a shell.

(b) This Brigade will assist in the development of the situation by a reconnaissance in force which will seize a limited portion of the enemy's main line of defense. It will be ready to exploit any weakness shown to exist.

2. (a) The 131st Regiment will raid on "D" day at "H" hour in the direction of LA BEUVILLE.

Mission: To clean out Bois d'HARVILLE, to take prisoners and kill Boches.

Neighboring units will be requested to make a demonstration simultaneously with this action.

(b) *Zone of action:* (See sketch attached.)

West boundary: Point 52.2-53.3 west edge of Bois de WARVILLE and Bois d'HARVILLE.

East boundary: DONCOURT, along road de HEMONVILLE to Bois les Htes EPINES to Cote 222, thence to south corner of Bois d'HARVILLE and along south-east edge of Bois d'HARVILLE to 54.8-55.6.

Objective: 54.5-55.9 to 54.8-55.6.

3. GENERAL PLAN: The 131st Regiment, minus one Battalion, will attack with one Battalion in front and one Battalion in support, each Battalion accompanied by its own Machine Gun Company.

(a) By "H" hour minus 30 minutes, the forward Battalion will be in position on Bois de WARVILLE and the support Battalion will be in position in Bois les Hautes EPINES.

(b) At "H" hour minus 5 minutes, the front Battalion will move up to within 300 yards of the rolling barrage, which will start on the southwestern edge of Bois d'HARVILLE.

At "H" hour the barrage will move forward at the rate of 100 yards each five minutes.

Note: Troops must not approach closer than 300 yards to the rolling barrage.

(c) Support Battalion will not move forward excepting on orders of the Regimental Commanding Officer. Its purpose will be to cover the flanks of the attacking Battalions.

(d) The attacking Battalion will clean up the territory as it proceeds and upon reaching its objective and completing its task, this Battalion will withdraw to the main position of resistance.

(e) After the withdrawal of the attacking Battalion, the support Battalion will withdraw, leaving one Company in Bois de WARVILLE and Bois les Hautes EPINES with one platoon of Machine Guns: one Company in DONCOURT, one Company in WADONVILLE and one Company on main position of Resistance.

(f) EQUIPMENT: Troops will be equipped with regulation battle dress, wire cutters (for two attacking Companies) one to each 4 men, 2 hand grenades and 100 rounds of ammunition to each man.

4. (a) Artillery Plan: (Later.)

Artillery will deliver rolling barrage from "H" hour minus 5 minutes.

A standing box barrage 300 yards beyond objective line from 54.4-56.1 to 55.0-56.0, thence down Meridian 56, to 54.8, from "H" hour to "H" plus one hour.

Interdiction and harassing fire will be made at following points from "H" hour to "H" plus one hour and 30 minutes: BUTGNEVILLE-MULOTTE, HARVILLE, Bois la DAME, JONVILLE and along southern edge of Bois MOULOTTE.

Smoke at points (as per sketch).

Artillery preparation and standing barrage on Les RAPAILLES, OUTRE L'EAU, BERTAUCOURT Farm, from "H" minus five minutes to "H" plus one hour.

Counter battery work under direction of Artillery Commander.

5. Administration details, unchanged.

6. (a) Liaison plan, unchanged.

(b) P. C.'s, unchanged.

WOLF,

Brigadier General.

P. C. 66th Infantry Brigade, A. E. F.

France, November 9, 1918.

MEMORANDUM:

Commanding Officer, 131st Infantry.

1. You will at once send out two Companies to gain and keep contact with the enemy.

2. (a) These two Companies will clean out the BOIS les Htes EPINES and BOIS de WARVILLE.

(b) From these woods strong patrols will be sent through BOIS VACHERIE. BOIS VIEUX toward JONVILLE; or until contact is made with the enemy, which contact will be maintained, BERTAUCOURT Farm will also be reconnoitered.

(c) It is desired that not only contact be maintained with the enemy but all possible information as to his numbers on our Brigade front be obtained.

3. This movement will be supported, if necessary, by the remainder of the Brigade.

4. Liaison must be maintained both with the forces in the BOIS les HAUTES EPINES and with the patrols sent out in order that these Headquarters may receive prompt information of the enemy.

By command of Brigadier General Wolf.

H. P. ERSKINE,

Captain Bde. Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS, 66TH INFANTRY BRIGADE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

November 11th, 1918, 1:30 P. M.

FIELD ORDERS NO. 24:

Map REFERENCE: VIGNEULLES "A" and "B".

1. The 132nd Regiment will relieve the 131st Regiment in the line. Reliefs to take place at once.

2. Disposition of troops after relief to be as follows:

(a) 132ND REGIMENT.

One Platoon at Bois de WARVILLE.

One Platoon at Bois des HAUTES EPINES.

One Platoon at ST. MAURICE.

2 Cos. at WOEL.

1 Co. at DONCOURT.

1 Co. at WADONVILLE.

Remainder of Regiment to occupy Positions of resistance in C. R. VIEVILLE.

(b) 131ST REGIMENT: Will occupy Position of Resistance from HERBEUVILLE (exclusive) to ST. MAURICE (exclusive).

(c) The companies of the 124th Machine gun Battalion will remain with the various Battalions to which they are now attached.

(d) All details of relief to be arranged between Regimental Commanders.

3. (a) No communication will take place with the enemy.

(b) The line will be organized for defense.

(c) Troops in each sub-sector to be distributed in depth.

(d) In case orders are received to move forward to occupy surrendered territory, troops in the outpost zone will constitute the advance guard.

(e) Commanding Officers will endeavor to make the troops as comfortable as possible and see that they are properly clothed and equipped at once.

(f) Maps will be furnished by each regiment to these Headquarters by noon Nov. 12th, 1918, showing dispositions of all units and P. Cs. down to Battalions.

4. P. Cs. Hq. 66th Inf. Brigade, Unchanged.

131st Regiment, Unchanged.

132nd Regiment, ST. MAURICE.

124th M. G. Bn., Unchanged.

WOLF,
Brigadier General.

P. C. 66TH INF. BRIGADE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

16th December, 1918, 8:30 P. M.

FIELD ORDERS NO. 31:

MAP REFERENCE: SAARBURG: 1:50,000.

1. The 66th Inf. Brigade will continue march to the SAARBURG Area to-morrow 15th December, 1918, according to paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8 Annex No. 2, Field Orders No. 38, Hq. 33rd Division, subject to the following changes:

66th Inf. Brigade Hq.:

From present area to SAARBURG.

131st Infantry:

From present area to SCHODEN, OKFEN, BEURIG, SERRIG, IRSCH, NIED-ERZERF.

Route: Via WORMELDINGEN-WINCHELDINGEN-SAARBURG.

Not to take any roads south of MERTZ-KIRCHEN.

132nd Infantry:

From present area to KIRF, MERTZ, KIRCHEN, DITTLINGEN, KELSON, TRASSEN, MEURICH, COLLESLEUKEN, FREUDENBURG, WEITER and CASTEL.

Route: Not to use any roads north of MERTZ-KIRCHEN.

Leading element will be across MEUXE at 8:00 A. M.

124th Machine Gun Bn.:

From present area to DILMAR and KREUZWEILER. (If necessary BEUREN.)

Route: Not to pass through BOUS.

NOTE: This billeting is tentative. There will be an entire readjustment of the stations of the troops in their areas by the 18th Instant.

2. P.C's.

Hq. 66th Inf. Brigade: SAARBURG at 3:00 P. M.

131st Infantry: IRSCH.

132nd Infantry: KIRF.

WOLF,
Brigadier General.

COPY NO. 3.

HEADQUARTERS, 66TH INFANTRY BRIGADE,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

LUXEMBOURG, Apr. 25th, 1919.

FIELD ORDERS NO. 34:

Map Reference: LONGWY 1:200,000.

1. This Brigade moves to BREST, FRANCE, Port of Embarkation for return to the UNITED STATES, as per F. O. No. 39, Hq. 33rd Div., April 23d 1919, and REVISED ENTRAINING SCHEDULE, Annex No. 2, Hq. 33rd Div., April 25th and Embarkation Memorandum No. 12, Hq. 33rd Div., April 25th, 1919.

SANBORN,
Colonel,
Acting Brigade Commander.

CHAPTER XIX

FIELD ORDERS 33RD DIVISION

1918.

33rd Division, American E. F.

29th June, 1918, 2:35 P. M.

SECRET.

CORRECTED COPY, FIELD ORDER NO. 6:

MAPS: 1:40,000. Sheet 62d, 1:100,000 AMIENS.

1. Under arrangements with the Australian and III Corps, the following organizations will proceed at once by marching to points indicated:

Co's. C and E, 131st Infantry, to NEUVILLE for training with 11th Australian Brigade.

Co's. A and G, 132nd Infantry, to Allonville for training with 11th Australian Brigade.

2. No restrictions as to route.

3. Standing orders No. 358, IV Army, governing distance between units, will be observed.

GEO. BELL, JR.,

Major General, N. A.,

Commanding.

33rd Division, American E. F.

30th June, 1918, 1:40 P. M.

SECRET:

FIELD ORDERS NO. 7:

MAPS: 1:40,000. Sheet 62d., 1:100,000. AMIENS.

1. Under arrangements with the Australian and III Corps the following organizations this division will proceed at once by marching as follows:

(a) 1st Battalion 131st Infantry (less company "C") Major H. E. Cheney commanding to ALLONVILLE, reporting upon arrival for duty to the 11th Australian Brigade.

Route: PIERREGOT-MOLLIENS-au-BOIS—cross roads 700 yards north of ST. GRATIEN-ALLONVILLE.

(b) 2nd Battalion 131st Infantry (less company "E") Major P. C. Gale commanding, to BUSSY-LES-DAOURS, reporting upon arrival for duty to the 4th Australian Brigade.

Route: PIERREGOT - MOLLIENS - au - BOIS - ST. GRATIEN—QUERRIEU-BUSSY.

2. Standing orders number 358 IV Army governing distances between units will be observed.

GEO. BELL, JR.,

Major General, N. A.,

Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS, 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

16th July, 1918.

FIELD ORDERS NO. 10:

Maps: 1:40,000. Sheets 57D and 62D.

1. The units of this Division will begin service in the front line by platoons attached to the British 47th and 58th Divisions, commencing 17th July, 1918. During this phase troops not in the front line will continue the training that will be prescribed by this office.

2. The 132nd Regt. and 2 Cos. 124th M. G. Bn. will occupy the BAIZIEUX System (Southern Sector) for 24 hours from 10:00 P. M. on the 16th inst. On the evening of the 17th inst., the 1st Batt. 132nd Regt., will proceed to the front system, under orders to be issued by the 58th Division, and will be attached by platoons to British Companies in the line for 48 hours. The 1st Batt. will be relieved by the 2nd Batt. on the night of the 19th-20th, and the 2nd Batt. will be relieved by the 3rd Batt. on the night of the 21st-22nd, under arrangements which will be notified later. The 2nd and 3rd Battns. on the 124th M. G. Co's. (less personnel to proceed to the front line) after completing their manning of the BAIZIEUX System on the 17th inst. will return to their Camps, under orders to be issued by these Headquarters. The 2 Companies of the 124th M. G. Bn. affiliated to the 132nd Regt. will be attached to the 58th M. G. Bn. in the front system, under arrangements to be made by the 58th Division direct with the C. O. 124th M. G. Bn.

3. The 131st Regt. and 2 Co's. 124th M. G. Bn. will occupy the BAIZIEUX System (Northern Sector) for 24 hours from 9:00 P. M. on the 17th inst. On the evening of the 18th inst. the 1st Bn. 131st Regt. will proceed to the front system, under orders to be issued by the 47th Division and will be attached by platoons to British Companies in the line for 48 hours. The 1st Batt. will be relieved by the 2nd Batt. on the night of the 20th-21st, and the 2nd Batt. will be relieved by the 3rd Bn. on the night of the 22nd-23rd, under arrangements which will be notified later. The 2nd and 3rd Battns. and the 124th M. G. Co's, (less personnel proceeding to the front line) after completing their manning of the BAIZIEUX System on the 18th inst., will return to their Camps, under orders to be issued by these Headquarters. The two Companies of the 124th M. G. Bn. affiliated to the 131st Regt. will be attached to the 47th M. G. Bn. in the front system under arrangements to be made by the 47th Division direct to the C. O. 124th M. G. Bn.

4. On completion of their attachment by platoons in the line, the 66th Inf. Brigade will be attached by Battns. to the Inf. Brigades in the line under orders to be issued later.

5. The 1st Batt. 108th U. S. Engineers will be attached to the Field Co.'s R. E. of the 47th and 58th Divisions for tours of duty in the line, under orders to be issued by the Chief Engineer, III Corps.

6. Digging exercises for the ILLINOIS Line will be carried out by the 66th Brigade, in accordance with the attached program, and under orders to be issued later.

BELL,
Major General.

33rd Division, American E. F.

21st July, 1918.

SECRET.

FIELD ORDERS NO. 12:

MAPS: 1:20,000 SENLIS.

1. The 66th Brigade will be attached to the troops of the 18th, 47th and 58th Divisions in the Front System, in accordance with the attached table.

2. Each Battalion will do a tour of four days in the Front System, relieving a Front Line Battalion of one of the English Brigades in the line. An American Battalion will invariably relieve an English Battalion.

3. March of Battalions to and from the Front Line will be made by staging in the BAIZIEUX System. Battalions will occupy a Sector of the Front Line trenches in the BAIZIEUX System within their respective Regimental Sectors. Marches to the BAIZIEUX System may be made in the late afternoon or early evening, the Battalion marching by smaller units with distances.

4. Movement of Battalions forward from the BAIZIEUX System into the Front Line and return to the BAIZIEUX System will be carried out under orders of the English Division concerned.

5. The English Battalions relieved by this arrangement will be withdrawn to a position west of the BAIZIEUX-WARLOY System and in the event of an order to man Battle Stations will act as a reserve to the 66th Brigade and will come under orders of the Division.

6. During this period, guns and teams of 124th M. G. Bn. will relieve M. G.'s. of Front Line Divisions for periods of four days. The decision as to the number to be relieved will rest with the G. O. C. Front Line Division concerned, who will issue the necessary orders for the relief.

7. One-third of the gun teams of the Trench Mortar Platoons will be sent forward with each Battalion for attachment to T. M. Batteries. Mortars will not be taken.

8. The attachment of 1st Bn. 108th Engineers will be continued as laid down in III Corps O. O. 282.

9. On completion of the attachment by Bns. Regiments of the 66th Inf. Brigade will relieve Brigades in the line under orders to be issued later.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

BELL,
Major General.

HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

France, July 26, 1918.

G-3/663

C. O. 131st Infantry:

You will require C. O. 2nd Battalion 131st Inf., One Officer from each company of the Battalion and the Regimental Signal Officer to report to Headquarters of 142nd Inf. Brig. at D,4,c Central, just south of HENNENCOURT at 10:00 A. M., July 27, to make reconnaissance you will direct C. O. 2nd Bn. to visit Capt. Richmond, Com-

manding 1st Bn., 131st Infantry, at Right Bn. Headquarters, Melbourne trench W 2 5 b 1.8 to consult with him and receive verbal instructions issued by this office to-day.

By command of Major General Bell.

WILLIAM K. NAYLOR,
Per C. L. SAMPSON,
Major, Infantry,
Asst. Chief of Staff G-3.

33rd Division, American E. F.

31st July, 1918.

SECRET.

AMENDED COPY, FIELD ORDERS NO. 13:

Map: 1:20,000 SENLIS.

1. During the period 31st July to 14th August the 66th Brigade will be attached by Battalions to Brigades of the Left and Center Divisions, III Corps, in the front system in accordance with attached table.

2. Each Battalion will do a tour of four days in the front system.

3. March of Battalions to the front line will be made by staging in the BAIZIEUX System. Battalions will occupy a sector of the Front Line trench in the BAIZIEUX System within their respective regimental sector. Marches forward to the BAIZIEUX System will be made in the late afternoon or early evening, conforming to the requirements of standing orders IV Army.

4. Battalions, on the day following night of relief, will return to camp by marching.

5. Movement of Battalions to and from the Front Line system, east of the BAIZIEUX System, will be carried out under orders of the English Division concerned.

6. The 124th M. G. Bn. will, on completion of their present attachment, revert to their normal role of manning the BAIZIEUX Line in case of an order "Man Battle Stations" and will continue their training.

7. Advance parties, consisting of Bn. Comdr., 1 Officer each Company, 1 N. C. O. each platoon, 1 Signal Officer, 1 Supply Officer and Runners will report to the Hdqrs. of the Brigade to which they are attached on the day prior to the date of movement into the front line. Arrangements as to hour and place to be made direct by Bn. Comdr. with Brigade concerned.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

BELL,
Major General.

33rd Division, American E. F.

5th August, 1918.

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FIELD ORDERS NO. 14:

Map: 1:40,000. 57 D and 62 D.

1. Under orders III Corps, the 65th Brigade will be transferred to the III Corps area on the 6th August.

2. The 122nd M. G. Bn. and M. G. Cos. 131st and 132nd Inf. will join this Division in the III Corps Area on 8th August under separate orders.

3. 33rd Division is placed under orders of the G. O. C. 47th Div.
4. The 66th Brigade will take over the front now held by the 37th Brigade (Left Brig. Left Center Division, III Corps) as far south as E.20.d.2.1, on that night 7/8th August, under orders G. O. C. 47th Div. in consultation G. O. C. 12th Division. The Regtl. M. G. Cos. 65th Brig. are available to relieve Machine Guns of the 12th Div. in this area.
5. The 65th Brig. will continue its training in the line under orders G. O. C. 47th Div. Details later.
6. The 124th M. G. Bn. will relieve the two Cos. 50th M. G. Bn. 47th and 12th Divisional Areas under orders G. O. C. 47th Div. in consultation G. O. C. 12th Div. on 6/7th August.
7. Moves will take place as in attached table.
8. G. O. C. 47th Div. will take over command of area from their present southern boundary as far south as the ANCRE at midnight 7/8th August. Southern boundary Left Division will be east and west line along grid line separating squares E.19 and 25 with ERANVILLERS ROUND WOOD and BEHEMCOURT inclusive in the Left Center Div.
9. Orders for administrative arrangements will be issued separately by G-1.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

BELL,
Major General.

33rd Division, American E. F.

5th August, 1918.

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FIELD ORDERS NO. 15:

MAP: 1:100,000. VIGNACOURT.
1:40,000. 62 d.

1. The 122nd M. G. Bn. and M. G. Cos. 131st and 132nd Inf. Regts. will march from the LONG Area to rejoin their units in the III Corps Area on 7th and 8th August under command of the senior Officer present with those units.

2. (a) These troops will march on the 7th August from EAUCOURT to VIGNACOURT, staging at VIGNACOURT.

Route: EAUCOURT-FLIXECOURT-VIGNACOURT.

Intervals of one-half hour will be maintained between companies.

No restrictions as to time.

(b) On 8th August march will be resumed to destinations as follows:

122nd M. G. Bn. to MOLLIENS-au-BOIS.

131st M. G. Co. to BOIS DE MAI.

132nd M. G. Co. to MOLLIENS WOOD.

No restrictions as to time or routes.

3. Advance billeting parties will precede the column by 24 hours, obtaining accommodations for their units from the respective Area Commandants.

4. (a) RAILHEADS:

PONT REMY to 6th August 18, inclusive.

VIGNACOURT from 7th August 18, inclusive.

(b) Organizations will be rationed to include 8th August prior to marching Rations for 9th August will be drawn evening of 8th instant from supply dumps as follows:

122nd M. G. Bn.—MOLLIENS WOODS.

131st M. G. Co.—ALLONVILLE.

132nd M. G. Co.—MOLLIENS WOODS.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

BELL,
Major General.

33rd Division, American E. F.

August 8th, 1918.

G-3.

AMENDMENT TO FIELD ORDER NO. 14, 33RD DIVISION:

1. Paragraph 3 amended to read as follows:

33rd Division, (less 131st Inf.) is placed under orders G. O. C. 47th Division, 131st Inf. will be held in Corps reserve and will be situated as under.

Hq.—PIERREGOT.

1 Bn.—PIERREGOT.

2 Bns.—Vicinity of BAIZIEUX.

BELL,
Major General.

HEADQUARTERS 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

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FRANCE, August 8, 1918.

Commanding General, 66th Brigade. (Extract of telegram III Corps)

1. The 131st Inf., in corps Reserve, will move forthwith by covered routes as follows: Regtl. Hdqrs. to HEILLY; 1 Bn. to trenches in D.25 and 26; 1 Bn. to Valley N. W. of HEILLY (J.l.a. and I.6.b.) and 1 Bn. to FRANVILLERS.

2. On arrival the 131st Inf. will remain in Corps Reserve and will reconnoitre routes across the ANCRE. They will post an officer to await orders at 18th Division Hdqrs.

By command of Major General Bell:

C. L. SAMPSON,
Maj. Inf. G-3.
For W. K. NAYLOR,
Col. General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

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33rd Div., American E. F.

8th August, 1918.

C. G. 66th Brigade.

C. O. 131st Infantry.

Extract telegram III Corps:

"131 Infantry Regiment, 33rd Division, will be ready to move at one hour's notice."

By command of Major General Bell:

W. K. NAYLOR,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

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P. C., 33rd Division, A. E. F.,

September, 1918, 9:00 A. M.

FIELD ORDER NO. 23:

COPY NO. 8

MAPS: FORGES NO. 213 1:10,000; VERDUN-MEZERIES 1:80,000.

TROOPS:

Attacking Echelon:

Brig. Gen. P. A. Wolf,

66th Brigade,

1 Bn., 130th,

122nd M. G. Bn.,

2nd Bn. 108th Eng.,

Co. A, 1st Gas and Flame Regt.

RESERVES:

Brig. Gen. E. L. King,

65th Brig., (less 1 Bn. 130th Inf.)

108th Eng. (less 2nd Bn.)

ARTILLERY:

Brig. Gen. G. A. Wingate,

52nd Arty. Brig.,

212th F. A. (French).

1 Bn. 308th F. A. (French).

AIR SERVICE:

1st Air Squadron (less 1 flight).

1 Balloon Co.

SPECIAL TROOPS:

(See Annexes.)

1. GENERAL OBJECT OF THE OFFENSIVE:

(a) The enemy holds the front from the MEUSE to the AISNE with about five divisions. He probably holds from the MEUSE to MALANCOURT (exclusive) with one division. Enemy's units are weak, discouraged, in poor morale, and afraid of Americans (announce above down to privates). Details of enemy positions shown on maps furnished. For further information, see Annex No. 1, attached.

(b) The First American Army will attack with III Corps on right, V Corps in center, I Corps on left, and three Divisions in reserve, in the direction of BUZANCY-STONNE.

(c) Mission of III Corps:

The III Corps will attack with three divisions in the front line (33rd, 80th and 4th Divs.), and will break the hostile positions and resistance between the RAU DE

FORGES and BOIS DE FORET, exploit its success by advancing north from BOIS DE FORET, and meantime, organize the left (west) bank of the MEUSE for defense as the attack progresses northwards.

(d) Objectives of Neighboring Units:

(1) The 80th Div. will attack on the left of the 33rd Div., its Zone of Action and Objectives are: See map.

(2) The 18th French Division holds the right bank of the MEUSE.

2. GENERAL PLAN:

(a) Mission of 33rd Division:

The 33rd Div. will attack the front from the MEUSE (exclusive) to PASSARELLE DU DON (exclusive). The left of the division will attack so as to reach quickly the open ground east and north of GERCOURT et DRILLANCOURT and DRILLANCOURT and the TR. DU BOIS JURE, so as to assist the center of the division in the reduction of BOIS de FORGES. The whole theory of the attack is by echelon with the left in advance.

The division will organize and hold the line COTE DE L'OIE (incl.)—DANNEVOUX (excl.) and clean up its front to the MEUSE.

(b) Zone of Action.

The boundaries of the Zone of the 33rd Div. are:

South boundary: REGRET-BLERCOURT Road.

East boundary: Ft. de la CHAUME (excl.)—road fork 25.0-68.2—Thence due north to the MEUSE River.

West boundary: BALEYCOURT (excl.)—east edge Bois de SARTELLES to neck at 23.0-63.9—FROMERVILLE (excl.)—GERMONVILLE (excl.)—CHATTANCOURT (excl.)—PASSELLE du DON (excl.)—Woods at 18.3—77.9 (incl.) GERCOURT et DRILLANCOURT (incl.)—the east-facing section of Tr. du BOIS JURE (incl.—Tr. du BOIS POND (incl.)—LAITERIE de BELHAME (incl.).

(c) Objectives: See map.

(d) Initial Dispositions:

The 33rd Div. will attack with the 66th Brig., reinforced, in the front line, with its regiments side by side, 132nd Inf. on the right and the 131st Inf. on the left, two battalions of each regiment in the front line and one battalion in support.

3. DETAILED ORDERS FOR UNITS.

(a) 66th Brigade:

(1) The boundaries of its zone of action are: Same as 33rd Div.

(2) Its objectives are: Same as 33rd Div.

(3) 132nd Infantry.

Mission: To advance through and clean up the BOIS de FORGES and to organize the line of defense along the west bank of the River MEUSE from Cote de L'OIE (incl.) to the road fork at point 0993 (400 meters north of north corner of BOIS de FORGES, excl.).

Zone of action:

Eastern boundary: 0554-0564-0568—Road at point 0769—Road at point 1677.

Western and northern boundary: 9444—southern edge of woods at point 9351—Road at point 9357—Trench at point 9265—Trench at point 9269—Road at point 9681—Along standard gauge railroad to woods (0187—Fork of roads 0993—(400 meters north of north corner of BOIS de FORGES.)

Objectives: See map.

Axis of advance:

After entering the BOIS de FORGES, the axis of advance will be the road running N. E. through points 9368—Cross roads at 9972.

4. 131st Infantry.

Mission: To attack so as to reach quickly the open ground east and north of DRILLANCOURT-GERCOURT et DRILLANCOURT, and the TR. du BOIS JURE. To assist the 132nd Inf. in the reduction of the BOIS de FORGES by exploiting and mopping up the ground from the northern edge of that wood to the northern boundary of Div. To attack and capture DRILLANCOURT, GERCOURT et DRILLANCOURT, TR. du BOIS JURE, TR. de BOIS POND and to organize for defense the line along the west bank of the River MEUSE from road fork at point 0993 (400 meters north of north corner of BOIS de FORGES) (incl.) to the LAITERIE de BELHAINE, (incl.).

Zone of Action:

Eastern boundary: See map.

Western and northern boundary: Same as 33rd Div.

Objectives: See map.

5. Brigade Reserve.

One Bn. of the 130th Inf. will be sent to the vicinity of CUMIERES and will be at the disposal of the C. G., 66th Brig., who will send one company to support the machine guns covering the advance of the right of his Brig. This Bn. will be designated by the C. G., 65th Brig., who will direct the Bn. Comds. to report at once to the C. G., 66th Brig. for instructions.

6. Military Police.

One company, 108th M. P. will be at the disposal of the C. G., 66th Brig., to act as patrol along the FORGES VALLEY and to prevent straggling. The C. O. 108th Tn. Hq. & M. P. will designate this company and direct the company commander to report to the C. G., 66th Brig. for instructions.

7. Co. A. 1st Gas and Flame Regt., is assigned to the 66th Brig. and will co-operate in the attack.

(b) DIVISIONAL RESERVE.

The Divisional Reserve at H hour will be located as follows: 130th Inf. (less 1 Bn.) 123rd M. G. Bn. (less Cos. A and B), and 108th Engrs. (less 2nd Bn.) in Ravine of RUISSEAU de BAMONT.

129th Inf. (plus Cos. A and B 123rd M. G. Bn.) occupying 79th Div. Sector and C. R.s 304 and LORRAINE.

122nd M. G. Bn. participating in barrage from C. P.s L'OISON and EIFFEL. 65th Brig. Hq. at BETHELAINVILLE.

(c) ARTILLERY.

(1) Progression of rolling barrage along the main axis of BOIS de FORGES (from near 19.5-76.5 to 21.0-79.0) and within the regimental zone of action of 132nd Inf. will be at the rate of 100 meters in 5 minutes.

Along the boundary line between the 80th Div. and the 33rd Div., and within the regimental zone of action of 131st Inf., the progression of the rolling barrage will be at the rate of 100 meters in 4 minutes.

(2) Corps and divisional artillery not employed in the barrage, will assist in neutralization of hostile fire and observation from east bank of the MEUSE and south of HARAUMONT.

(3) If hostile troops are seen on roads, the 155's will not shell them, but will use shrapnel. The 75's will be prepared to move forward if ordered.

(4) For barrage time table and employment of artillery, see Annex No. 2.

(5) Div. Arty. Comdr. will establish liaison with flank Div. Arty. Comdrs., arranging for mutual support.

(6) Artillery preparation fire begins at H minus.

(d) AEROPLANES.

Nine planes from the 90th Aero Squadron have been assigned to operate with this division. (See Plan of Liaison, Annex No. 6.).

(e) TANKS.

A number of tanks may enter the Div. Sector from the west. Front Line Comdrs. will be warned of this and will be instructed that tanks so arriving are to cooperate with infantry. Front line commanders will therefore make at once suitable arrangements for cooperating with such tanks as may become available in this manner.

(f) MACHINE GUNS.

The following tasks are assigned to the machine guns:

1. Barrage:

A—1 Co. B, 122nd M. G. Bn.

B—1 Co. D, 124th M. G. Bn.

C—1 Co. C, 124th M. G. Bn.

Also see Annex No. 4.

2. Machine Guns to Advance with Infantry.

132nd Infantry:

132nd M. G. Co.

Co. A, 124th M. G. Bn.

Co. D, 124th M. G. Bn.

131st Infantry:

131st M. G. Co.

Co. B, 124th M. G. Bn.

Co. C, 124th M. G. Bn.

3. Co. A, 122nd M. G. Bn. less four guns, in vicinity of 2315-7412.

4. Special Task.

Four guns of Co. A, 122nd M. G. Bn. to take up position on road in vicinity of 2015-7315, For Anti-Aircraft.

Care will be taken not to fire across the River MEUSE unless subjected to small arms fire from that direction. This in order not to molest French patrols.

That portion of the enemy trenches and of the southern edge of BOIS de FORGES not included in the Zone of Action of the 132nd Inf. will be covered by a heavy M. G., barrage as long as possible.

(g) ENGINEERS.

The Divisional Engineer Officer will immediately take steps to assemble the necessary material to assist the troops in the crossing of the FORGES.

After the crossing of the FORGES CREEK, and the position is established, construction on the roads across the valley, for transportation purposes, will be commenced. Arrangements will be made for building a bridge across the FORGES CREEK in the vicinity of the town of FORGES. For the carrying out of this work, the Engr. Train will be loaded in advance with suitable material and tools and held in readiness.

The 1st Bn., 108th Engrs. will be available for building bridges across the FORGES and for road work.

Also see Annex No. 3.

(h) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) The attack will begin on D day at H hour.

At H hour, the stationary barrage comes down on the barrage lines as indicated on map, and remains in this position until H plus 45'—after H plus 45' the rolling barrage will start forward, progressing for the left regiment at the rate of 100 meters in 4 minutes and for the right regiment at the rate of 100 meters in 6 minutes.

(2) Attacking troops will jump off from tape line at H hour and will move rapidly forward so as to line up in rear of the standing barrage in time to progress under its protection as it rolls forward.

(3) While passing through the woods the infantry will follow the barrage at 300 meters.

(4) All other troops will be in position at H minus 2 hours on D day.

(5) Upon reaching the final objective along the line of the River Meuse the position will be organized for defense and to resist counter attacks from COTE de L'OIE to Trench just S. E. of DANNEVOUX (incl.). Distribution will be made in depth, the river line to be held by strong points along the military crests and suitable positions on bluff, patrolling to the river and the main line further back.

In order to hold the MEUSE River position in proper depth, reserves may be placed in the zone of action of the 80th Div., provided they do not interfere with the progression of its troops.

(6) Ultimate defense scheme will be based on scheme to be prepared by 111 Corps.

(7) Particular care and caution must be exercised to preserve quietness on the night D minus 1-D.

(8) Proper precautions will be exercised against gas in passing through woods and low ground.

4. COMMUNICATION, SUPPLY and EVACUATION.—See Annex No. 5.

5. (a) LIAISON.

1. For Plan of Liaison, See Annex No. 6.

2. IN WOODS, FRONT LINES WILL BE INDICATED TO CONTACT AEROPLANES BY FLARES OF VERY PISTOLS FIRED TOWARD THE GROUND.

3. Axis:

33rd Div.: Ft. de SARTELLES-BAMONT FME.-CHATTANCOURT-BETHIN-COURT-Axis of BOIS de FORGES.

66th Brig: FLAGEY-TAZA-PAULINE-Point 0769-DRILLANCOURT-GER-COURT.

(b) Combat Liaison.

C. G., 66th Brig. will detail a special combat liaison group, consisting of a platoon of infantry and section of machine guns, to keep liaison with leading brigade, 80th Div., and will arrange for liaison along the MEUSE and inter-regimental.

(c) Post of Command:

111 Corps—RAMPONT.

Chief of Artillery, 111 Corps—RAMPONT.

80th Div.—Coordinate 194,896.

18th Div. (French)—VERDUN—COLLEGE MARGUERITTE.

33rd Division—La HUTTE, Coordinate 213,693.

66th Brigade—FLAGEY, Coordinate 208,709.

65th Brigade—BETHELAINVILLE.

Artillery Commander—Same as 33rd Division.

(d) Synchronization:

An officer of the Division Staff will visit Brigade P. C.'s for the purpose of synchronizing watches in ample time in advance of H hour. Brig. Comdrs. will then arrange for synchronization within their units.

BELL,
Major General.

Annexes:

No. 1—Information of the Enemy.

No. 2—Artillery.

No. 3—Engineers.

No. 4—Machine Guns.

No. 5—Communication, Supply and Evacuation.

No. 6—Liaison.

SECRET ORDERS NO. 1.

33RD DIVISION, A. E. F.,

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22nd September, 1918.

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ANNEX TO FIELD ORDER NO. 23.

MAP: VERDUN, 35.

I. RAILHEAD: VADELAINCOURT.

II. SUPPLY: (a) The base of supply for this Division will be THIERVILLE. The distributing points, as the attack progresses, will be pushed forward as the situation develops, and notice will be sent.

(b) Ammunition.

Infantry.

Divisional dump at CUMIERES, containing 30-30, .45, grenades of all kinds, bombs and fireworks. A wagon company will push ammunition forward from this advanced dump as necessities require,—forward distribution point, if necessary, will be announced later.

Artillery.

Ammunition will be drawn from the Corps dumps located as follows::

75 mm. at GLORIEUX, FORT du REGRET and FRANA.

H. A. Corps dumps at FRANA, LEMPIRE and FORT du REGRET. The Motor Section of the 102nd Ammunition Train will be placed at the disposal of the Artillery Commander for his supply of ammunition.

All units from the batteries to Brigades will clean areas of all ammunition as they move forward. Batteries will not abandon ammunition at an emplacement and expect to draw more from dumps, as the supply is limited to three days of firing per piece.

(c) Engineer Material.

Divisional Dump at GERMONVILLE.

The Division Engineer is authorized to draw and handle with his own train, Engineer material from DUMBASLE and SOUHESME. An advance corps dump for road material will be located one kilometer west of BETHELAINVILLE.

(d) Water.

Water points will be established and marked by the Army Water Service. In addition to the above, the 33rd Division will use jointly with the 80th Division, CHAT-TANCOURT, as a water refilling point,—ALEXANDRIA has a supply of potable water.

III. BRIDGES. The Division Engineer will arrange the plans and material for the rapid construction of a bridge for heavy traffic over the FORGES Creek, in the vicinity of the town FORGES. He will also arrange for material to construct an additional bridge if found necessary.

IV. ROADS. (a) Circulation.

The axial road of the division will be THIERVILLE-CHARNY-MARRE-CUMIERES-FORGES. This road will be a two way road for all traffic.

(b) Traffic. The control of traffic south and east of MARRE will be by Corps Police. The MARRE inclusive north and west, traffic will be under the control of the A. P. M. of the 33rd Division, who will have stationary police posts at cross roads, bridges and road forks, and bicyclists, motorcycleists and mounted police patrols on main roads to control traffic, prevent jams and preserve road discipline.

(c) Maintenance.

The Division Engineer will arrange for the maintenance of the axial road north of MARRE.

7. EVACUATION. (a) Men.

An advanced dressing station is established at ALEXANDRIA. Triage at GLORIEUX, VERDUN.

Evacuation to GLORIEUX, VERDUN, will be arranged for by the Division Surgeon. If additional ambulances are necessary, request will be made to the Corps Surgeon for more.

Evacuation from Divisional Field Hospitals by Army Ambulance Companies will be as follows:

Seriously wounded: To Mobile Surgical Hospitals at CLAIRE-CHENE-BOIS-de PLACYS-La MORLETTE.

Severely wounded: To E. H. No. 4 at FOUNTAIN ROUTON and E. H. No. 8 at PETIT MAUJOUY.

Sick and slightly wounded (truck cases): To E. H. Nos. 6 and 7 at SOUILLY.

Gassed: To Gas Hospital SOUHESME la Grande.

Contagious: To hospital at BENDITE VAUX.

Nerves & Shock: To Psych. Hospital No. 2 at FULVECOURT.

As the advance progresses the Division Surgeon will arrange for the advance of the Division Field Hospitals.

(b) Animals.

The Divisional Mobile Veterinary Unit will be located at LONGBUT, to which place the animals of the Division will be evacuated. The Divisional Mobile Veterinary Unit will evacuate to Corps Veterinary Hospital at SOUHESME la Grande.

VI. MILITARY POLICE ARRANGEMENTS.

A Detachment of Military Police will be furnished to the Commanding General of the 66th Brigade, who will establish straggler lines to arrest, collect and return to organizations, all stragglers, and direct wounded to aid stations.

VII. PRISONERS OF WAR.

Prisoners of War will be sent to the Division Enclosure at LONGBUT farm, which place they will be sent, as soon as possible after examination has been completed by G-2, to the Corps Gage, one kilometer south of RAMPONT.

The transfer of prisoners to the rear will be made by the Military Police.

Prisoners will only be marched on roads when adjoining fields are closed or impassable.

VIII. TRAFFIC PRIORITY.

Traffic priority for this Division is established as follows:

- (a) First line troops, combat trains and ambulances;
- (b) Essential ammunition;
- (c) Road material;
- (d) Signal Corps telephone material.
- (e) Food, ammunition and other essentials.

No sight-seers will be allowed in the area.

Troops and trains awaiting orders will stand clear of the roads. Roads will be cleared for moving up of Army Artillery.

Non-essential baggage will be left in dumps to come forward later.

IX. CEMETERIES. A plot for Americans has been located at GLORIEUX, in the forward lines. The Divisional Burial Officer will locate a burial plot in the vicinity of FORGES to which the dead may be sent, and will indicate the locations by signs at cross roads and thru the Military Police.

X. SALVAGE. The Salvage Officer with his detail will arrange salvage dumps at THIERVILLE.

XI. FIELD TRAINS.

66th Brigade.

During the initial attack the Field Trains including rolling kitchens will be held along the creek, under the trees, on the east of the road, with the head of the column at LONGBUT, and there await orders from the Commander of Trains.

52nd Artillery Brigade.

The Field Trains including rolling kitchens will remain in the BOIS des SERTELLES, and await orders from the Commander of Trains.

65th Brigade.

The Field Trains including rolling kitchens will remain under the control of the Commanding General of the 65th Brigade.

Engineer Train.

The Engineer Train, and Field Train including rolling kitchens loaded with supplies designated by the Divisional Engineer, will await orders under the trees on the FROMERVILLE-LONGBUT Road, with the head of the column near VERDUN Road along the creek on the east side of the road.

Supply Train.

The Supply Train will refill at THIERVILLE, and will operate forward from that point to distributing points to be announced later, and from the rear of that point to the railroad at VADELAINCOURT. The section designated for the forward distribution points will remain at THIERVILLE awaiting orders.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL.

WILLIAM K. NAYLOR,
*Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.*

33rd Division, A. E. F.

23rd September, 1918. WHS-kph.

Extract from Liaison Plan 33rd Division.

CHAPTER I.

Axis of Liaison.

1. Ft. des Sartes—Bamont ferme—Chattancourt—Bethincourt axis Bois De Forges.

2. Posts of Command—

33rd Division—P. C. La Hutte, Coordinate 213,693.

65th Brigade—Bethelainville until H hour, after H hour Choisel.

66th Brigade—P. C. Flagey.

In case of an advance P. C.'s will move along the axis of liaison to points to be determined upon later. On change of location all units concerned must be notified in advance as to location of new P. C.'s, and as to time of change. In no case will any P. C. be closed until after telephone and radio communication has been established at the new P. C.

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P. C. 33rd Division, A. E. F., September, 1918.

Annex No. 3, to F. O. 23.

ENGINEER PLAN.

GENERAL PLAN OF ACTION.

There is but one road that is available to the right division. This is the CUMIERES-FORGES road, which road forward of point 215,742 is shot up. It is being repaired as rapidly as possible, within our lines. As this road is exposed to direct enemy fire, a road is being developed approximately along the old CUMIERES-BETHINCOURT Road. At one time there was a good road passing on the left side of the Valle JACQUES, leading to FORGES, which is badly shot up. Therefore, a road is being constructed to connect with the CUMIERES-BETHINCOURT Road at approximately point 203,735, making use of a very substantial trail which was the road bed of a light railway system connecting with the N. W. outlet to GALLWITZ Tunnel at point approximately 199,738. From this point to a connection with the CUMIERES-BETHINCOURT Road, work is very heavy, and if it is to be used by heavy artillery, will require road machinery to put it in passable condition in quick time.

Two short bridges of two bents each over existing trenches will be required.

In case of quick work, standard artillery bridges will be required to span several large shell holes. A bridge will also be required across FORGES Creek at approximately point 205,758.

A considerable number of fascines will be required and suitable culverts across low grounds near CUMIERES and FORGES.

DUMPS.

Three forward Engineer Dumps are now established at approximately points 199,734-205,733 and CUMIERES, the latter being used as a dumping point for trucks,

and material being carried forward by 40 cm. light railway when available and by carrying parties. This road can be used on cloudy days if desired. Infantry has been supplied with picks, shovels, tape and wire cutters.

DISPOSITION OF COMPANIES.

Companies C, D, and E, are placed at the disposal of the C. G. 66th Brig. All Companies will be used in construction of roads when not actually required for carrying or work preparatory to jumping off.

JUMPING OFF.

It is the intention on the night of D/D-1 to have E Company assigned to the 132nd Inf. and D Company to the 131st Inf.—These Companies will work forward as rapidly as possible, consistent with concealment. The advance being made at dark in order to have the materials in position for laying at H hour. The idea is to have these troops deployed into special groups, certain ones leading out with four or more large ropes or wire over the bad ground. These to be moved forward across the creeks at H hour at the latest and staked-down to form as guides for attacking troops. Staking parties will be distributed at intervals to drive stakes when permissible. Other engineers following with fascines, duck boards, planks and two bents for each crossing of deep water. All this material to be assembled in the jumping off trench by the night of D/D-1. This work under the supervision of the experienced engineer officer.

While this is going on, and up to H hour, engineers not so employed will be used in cutting wire. After the passage of the troops the engineers that accompanied the troops will make the crossings more secure and await relief by the reserves that are to be sent forward.

SUPPLY:

For Engineer Material see II (c) Annex No. 6.

For water see II (d) Annex No. 5.

BRIDGES:

See III Annex No. 5.

FOR LOCATION OF ENGINEER TRAIN: See XI FIELD TRAINS, Annex No. 5.

The reserve Engineer Battalion will be used to repair all roads within the Divisional area until sent forward to relieve the Engineers with the attacking troops. The latter will then be moved back and take over the work of keeping the roads and bridges in shape.

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September, 1918.

ADDENDUM TO: ANNEX NO. 6, F. O. NO. 23.

PLAN OF LIAISON.

The following additions and corrections will be made in the plan of Liaison, (Annex No. 6, to Field Order No. 23, c. s., these Headquarters).

1. Aeroplanes attached to the 33rd Division will be recognized by cocked dice on the sides of the fuselage, or body of the plane. Dice are painted red with white spots.

The marking on the under sides of the wings is the French "Cocard," three circles of blue on the outside with white and red in the center.

NOTE: The Anti-Aircraft are particularly concerned with this paragraph.

2. Front line will be called for by the plane with a six white star rocket at the following times:

132nd Infantry: at H plus 2 hours 5 min. when it should be at the Road FORGES-DRILLANCOURT.

131st Infantry: at H plus 3 hours 5 min. when it should reach the GERCOURT-CONSENOVOYE Road.

The second call for the front line of the 132nd Infantry will be requested at H plus 3 hours 5 min.

The second call for the front line of the 131st Infantry will be requested at H plus 5 hours 15 min.

3. The Infantry Regiments concerned must show their lines when called for at the prescribed times.

4. Add to the "Signals from Infantry."

Our barrage advancing too fast, the letter "T" made with the rectangular panels as shown, the identification panel on the left:

Identification Panel:

Letter "T" made with rectangular panels.

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24th September, 1918.

ADDENDUM TO Paragraph 3 (g), Field Order No. 23.

ENGINEERS.

1. In addition, the Engineers will reconnoiter for and construct a bridge across FORGES Brook, between PASSERELLE DU DON and the eastern edge of Ravin de FARGEVAUX, so located as to connect the Ravin de CUMONT and Ravin de la MEULE.

A road will be constructed down the Ravin de CUMONT and up either the Ravin de MEULE or Ravin de BESACE, whichever is found most suitable.

2. This work will be commenced at the earliest moment after H hour and will be prosecuted vigorously to completion.

3. All bridges along the main axis of supply and bridges over the FORGES Brook will be strong enough to support the passage of G. P. F. 155 Artillery.

BELL,
Major General.

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33RD DIVISION, A. E. F.

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24th September, 1918.

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CHAPTER V.

SIGNALS MADE BY THE INFANTRY.

1. Pyrotechnics.

Objective reached: Caterpillar rocket, white.

Request for barrage fire: Three star Cartridge.

Friendly light artillery is firing on us: One star, white V. B. Cartridge.

Friendly heavy artillery is firing on us: One star white V. B. cartridge followed by green parachute V. B. cartridge.

We are going to advance, increase range: Rocket with six green stars.

We are here: Bengal white flares.

Message understood: One red rocket six stars.

Repeat signal or message: One white rocket.

One hour delay orders in execution of next phase: Yellow smoke rocket followed by a flag rocket.

Repeat signal or message: One white rocket, six stars.

2. Panels.

1. Corps objective reached.

2. American Army objective reached.

3. Combined Army 1st phase line reached.

4. Combined Army first objective reached.

5. Where are the P. C's. of my units.

6. Tell me what you see on my right.

7. Tell me what you see on my left.

8. Where are my advanced elements.

9. Report that I am ready to advance.

3. Staking out will be by means of white Bengal flare and marking panels. In case the line is in woods or the supply of Bengal flares has run out, staking out will be by means of firing white star cartridges onto the ground using Very pistols.

4. (See Chapter XII, also see panel signals pages 76 and 77, Liaison for all Arms.)

NOTE: Add this to Chap. V. "Signals made by the Infantry," Plan of Liaison.

5. Chap. V under "Signals made by the Infantry" (pyrotechnics), in explanation of signal "One hour delay orders in execution of next phase."

Explanation: The yellow smoke rocket followed by a flag rocket indicates that it is necessary for the unit sending this signal to postpone one hour for the execution of the next phase. In other words, it is to notify the next higher command of this necessity. It requires no acknowledgment, and is accepted without explanation. At the expiration of the hour, the execution of the phase referred to should be made.

By command of Major General Bell:

WILLIAM K. NAYLOR,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

CHAPTER VI.

Marking of aeroplanes and balloons.

Infantry contact aeroplanes will use the Very pistol signals given in Chapter VII, when it is necessary to call for marking out the line or to indicate that the marking or other ground signal is understood. No special streamers or signals will be provided to differentiate between aeroplanes or different divisions. No special marking in the way of streamers will be provided for balloons.

Distribution:

To companies and all higher units.

CHAPTER VII.

Signals made by the aeroplanes.

1. Pyrotechnics or projector:

Where are you: (Call for staking out) One cartridge of six white stars.

Understood: One cartridge of two white stars.

Anti-tank gun at this point: Yellow smoke.

2. Radio: List No. 1, pages 78 and 79, Liaison for all Arms.

List No. 2, (Table Attached, Table Q in reserve).

3. In addition to radio call to expose P. C. panel, aeroplane may attract attention by Klaxon horn or by series of shots from machine guns.

Distribution:

To companies and all higher units.

CHAPTER VIII.

Carrier Pigeons.

1st Left. Jardin Fontaine, located in Glorieux barracks at 270,665.

2nd Left. Central Pigeon Left, located in Verdun Citadelle at 280,668.

Pigeons will be taken into auto furnished by the Division Signal Officer from 1st Left on September 23rd and brought to La Claire at 3:00 P. M.

Pigeons will be sent forward every two days thereafter at the same hour as follows: September 25, September 27th, etc., and distributed from points to be designated later.

All pigeons will be taken from Left No. 1 unless more than 40 pigeons are required in which case those in excess of 40 will be drawn from Left No. 2.

One man will be sent from each Regiment requiring pigeons at the time and place designated, bringing with him the empty baskets.

Distribution:

To companies and all higher units.

CHAPTER XII.

Visual Liaison.

1. A system of visual liaison with projectors and flags will be established in each unit. The number of relay posts will vary under different terrain conditions but each commander concerned will make certain that the number of posts is sufficient to maintain intimate visual liaison. The call letters of visual stations will be the same as those of the corresponding radio or T. P. S. station.

2. In communication from front to rear, the rear station will answer the sender by the following codes:

Your call understood, am ready: One red cartridge of one star.

Message understood: A second red cartridge of one star.

Repeat: One green cartridge.

Distribution:

To companies and all higher units.

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P. C. 33RD DIVISION, A. E. F.

25th September, 1918.

ADDENDUM NO. 2, To Field Order No. 23.

Par. 3 (a) (6) "Military Police," change to read as follows:

"A detachment, 108th M. P. under command of an Officer, will be at the disposal of the C. G., 66th Brig. to act as patrol along the FORGES valley and to prevent straggling. The C. O. 108th Trn. Hq. & M. P. will designate this detachment and direct the detachment commander to report to the C. G., 66th Brig. for instructions."

Par. 3 (c) "Artillery" sub-par. (1) change to read as follows:

"Along the boundary line between the 80th Div. and 33rd Div. and within the Regimental zone of action of 131st Inf. the progression of the rolling barrage will be at the rate of 100 meters in 4 minutes up to the southern edge of BOIS de JURE; thereafter, at the rate of 100 meters in 5 minutes."

Par. 3 (d) "AEROPLANES," add the following:

"The mission of the squadrons assigned the divisions will be primarily to keep the Division Commander informed of the location of his troops. The planes of the Divisional Squadron will also, when deemed advisable, communicate with the P. C.'s of Brigades. P. C.'s will establish suitable dropping grounds. The greatest attention must be devoted to the proper manipulation of the panels. The great and effective aid that the Air Service can render will be nullified unless the Infantry executes the staking out (Jalonnement) when called for by the aeroplane, unless the panel men at P. C.'s are properly instructed, and unless P. C.'s are equipped with effective wireless receiving sets."

Par. 3 (h) "General Instructions," change third line to read as follows after "on may,"—advancing as shown on Sketch No. 1 (Barrage Table) appendix to Annex No. 2.

COMBAT LIAISON. "A combat liaison detachment consisting of two platoons of Infantry each with a section of machine guns, is to be detailed by the 80th Division, to maintain combat liaison with the 33rd Division." This, in addition to the one detailed by the 66th Brigade.

Par. 5 (c) "Posts of Command": 60th Division co-ordinates should read: 19.4 69.6.

Par. XI. Annex No. 5 "Field Trains," 52nd Artillery Brigade; change BOIS des SARTELLLES to read BOIS de VILLE.

Addendum to Annex No. 6: Attention is called to par. 5, add: "This Division has but one phase until line of MEUSE is reached."

BELL,
Major General.

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P. C. 33rd Division, A. E. F.

3rd October, 1918, 10:15 P. M.

FIELD ORDER NO. 26.

COPY NO. 28.

MAPS: VERDUN-MEZIERES, 1:80,000.

PLAN DIRECTEUR, 1:20,000.

1. (a) The enemy has been driven back by the French, British and Belgian Armies. On our front, he occupies the heights east and west of ROMAGNE. The First American Army, A. E. F., has captured about 9,000 prisoners and over 100 guns. Over 100 planes have been destroyed by our aviators since the battle started.

(b) The First American Army will continue the attack.

(c) (1) The III Corps will continue its attack on D day at H hour, with its left and center divisions, and penetrate the hostile third position between CUNEL and the MEUSE and capture the high ground northeast of CUNEL.

(2) Zone of Action, III Corps:

Right boundary: The MEUSE.

Left boundary: MALANCOURT (inc.)—FAYEL FME. (inc.)—Road fork 500 meters north of MONTFAUCON (11.5-78.6) (inc.)—NANTILLOIS—CUNEL road (inc.)—CUNEL (inc.)—BANTHEVILLE (exc.)—ANDEVANNE (inc.)—TAILLY (exc.).

(d) The 80th Division (left Div. III Corps), will attack the front along the BOIS des OGONS.

(e) (1) The 4th Division (center Div. III Corps), will attack the BOIS de FAYS.

(2) Zone of Action, 4th Div.:

South boundary: RAU de FORGES.

East boundary: COTE 262—Hill 281 (14.7-82.9) (incl.)—BRIEULLES-sur-MEUSE—River MEUSE North.

West boundary: The east boundary of the 80th Division.

(3) Mission of the 4th Division:

The 4th Div. will conquer the area within its zone by outflanking from the west the positions near the river. It will attack the works south of the BOIS de FAYS, quickly gaining the cover of the wood and will then advance with its left elements in liaison with left division and with none of its units east of the BOIS de FAYS. In this manner, the division will enter the BOIS de MALAUMONT, BOIS de PEUT de FAUX and BOIS de FORET from the left of its sector and then clean them up by advancing to their eastern edge. No attack will be made across the open ground east of the BOIS de FAYS and north of the BOIS de BRIEULLES.

The rate of advance of its rolling barrage in liaison with the left division will be at the rate of 100 m. in 4 minutes up to the CUNEL-BRIEULLES road; then, after a halt of 20 minutes, at the rate of 100 m. in 8 minutes. The division will await further orders when reaching the line COTE 299—northern and eastern edge of the BOIS de FORET.

2. The 33rd Division (right Div., III Corps), will hold its present sector and protect the eastern flank of the 4th Division.

3. (a) (1) The Comdg. General, 66th Inf. Brig. will arrange the troops of his

brigade holding the sub-sector of GERCOURT so as to take over from the 132nd Inf. the sub-sector FORGES, as soon as it is dark the night of 3rd/4th October.

(2) Upon completion of the relief, the 132nd Inf. will, under orders from C. G. 66th Inf. Brig., proceed by the most direct route to the vicinity of MALANCOURT north of RAU de FORGES, and there await orders at disposition of the Corps Commander in Corps Reserve.

(3) Officers will be sent in advance on the afternoon of the 3rd October, to reconnoiter a suitable route for the march of the 132nd Inf.

(4) The C. O. 132nd Inf. will report time of departure and hour of arrival at his new destination to division headquarters. After arrival at destination, he will keep III Corps Headquarters informed as to the location of his Regtl. P. C. and the location of his troops.

(5) The Comdg. General, 66th Inf. Brig. will direct Cos. A and D, 124th M. G. Bn., to report to the Division Machine Gun Officer, who will direct these Companies to take up position along the northwest edge of the BOIS de la COTE LEMONT on the night of 3rd/4th Oct.

(6) These Machine Gun Companies will assist in neutralizing hostile opposition and break up counter attacks between BOIS de BRIEULLES, BOIS de FORET, and BRIEULLES-sur-MEUSE.

(7) The Division Machine Gun Officer will assign missions and tasks to each Company to carry out the above instructions.

(8) Necessary reconnaissance parties will be sent in advance on the afternoon of 3rd October, to reconnoiter a suitable route for the march of these Companies and to select suitable positions for the guns.

(9) The Division Machine Gun Officer will report to Division Headquarters, the locations occupied by the guns after they have been placed in position.

(10) Existing orders with reference to concealment, marching in small units with distance, will be observed.

(11) All these organizations, with reference to ammunition and rations, will be ready for combat.

(12) On D day the 66th Brig. (less 132nd Inf. and Cos. A and D, 124th M. G. Bn.), will remain in position in its Brigade Sector and will be on the alert for any hostile attacks.

(b) 65th Brigade:

On D day, the 65th Brigade will be on the alert against hostile attacks and will establish combat liaison with the 4th Division.

(c) Divisional Reserve:

The support bn. of the 129th Inf. from the 65th Brig., the support bn. of the 131st Inf. from the 66th Brig., and the 122nd M. G. Bn., will constitute the Divisional Reserve. On D day they will remain in present locations and await orders at the disposition of the Division Commander.

(d) Artillery:

(1) The artillery of the 33rd Division will neutralize the enemy artillery in BOIS de CHATILLON, BOIS de SARTELLE, and the two ravines east of LINY devant DUN. Yperite will not be used east of the MEUSE. BRIEULLES and the ravine north as well as trench northwest of BRIEULLES will be bombarded between H and H plus 2. Special attention must be given to eventual counter attacks from the latter region.

(2) The Comdg. General, 52nd Art. Brig. will order three batteries of 75 mm. guns to take up position along the northwest edge of the BOIS de la COTE LEMONT.

(3) These batteries will assist in neutralizing hostile opposition and break up

counter attacks between BOIS de BRIEULLES, BOIS de FORET, and BRIEULLES-sur-MEUSE.

(4) Necessary reconnaissance parties will be sent in advance on the afternoon of 3rd October, to reconnoiter a suitable route for the march of these batteries and to select positions and emplacements for the guns.

(5) One Bn. 308th R. A. L. (Fr.) will take up positions designated by the Division Artillery Commander. This Bn., and the remaining artillery of the 33rd Division will assist the attack as may be prescribed by the Chief of Corps Artillery.

(6) The Divisional Artillery Train will act under Corps orders.

(e) Units not mentioned: No change.

(f) Tanks. Tanks will accompany the attack and will be seen from time to time in the attacking zone: first, following the attacking waves, and then preceding the Infantry, cleaning up machine Gun Nests.

(g) Air Service. On D day, the 90th Aero Squadron will be making observations from time to time. When called for, panels will be conspicuously displayed, showing the locations of the respective headquarters. This has particular application to P. C., 65th Brig., the artillery in BOIS de la COTE LEMONT, and the 132 Inf., in the vicinity of MALANCOURT.

4. Necessary administrative instructions will be issued by G-1.

5. Liaison.

(1) The Division Signal Officer, in co-operation with the Artillery Communication Officer, in addition to other lines, will establish wire communication between the artillery in BOIS de la COTE LEMONT, CUISY and P. C., 33rd Division.

(2) Axis of Liaison, 33rd Division: FORT des SARTELLLES-BAMONT Ferme-CHATTENCOURT-BETHINCOURT.

(3) P. C.'s.:

III Corps—MONTZEVILLE.

Chief of Artillery, III Corps—MONTZEVILLE.

4th Division—No change.

33rd Division—No change.

65th Inf. Brig.—No change.

66th Inf. Brigade.—No change.

33rd Div. Artillery Commander—No change.

BELL,
Major General.

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P. C. 33rd Division, A. E. F.

7th Oct., 1918, 6:00 P. M.

FIELD ORDER NO. 27.

COPY NO.

MAP: VERDUN "B" 1:20,000.

1. (a) The enemy's lines on the heights east of the MEUSE held by three divisions have been flanked by our advance.

(b) The First American Army will seize the heights east of the MEUSE.

(c) Missions of XVII French Corps.

(1) The XVII French Corps will attack on D day at H hour on the BEAUMONT (inc.)—the MEUSE river, (inc.), and seize and hold the heights of the MEUSE northwest of BEAUMONT.

(2) Zone of attack:

Right boundary: BEAUMONT (inc.)—FLABAS (inc.) *CHEPION (exc.) REVILLE (exc.).

Left boundary: The MEUSE River (inc.).

(3) Objective:

Normal objective: BEAUMONT (inc.)—FLABAS (inc.)—southern edge of BOIS de la REINE—CONSENVOYE (exc.).

1st Exploitation Objective: FLABAS (inc.)—CHEPION (exc.)—BOIS D'ETRAYES—southern edge of BOIS de CHAUME.

2nd Exploitation Objective:

FLABAS (inc.)—*CHEPION (exc.)—BOIS D'ETRAYES (inc.)—BOIS de la GRANDE MONTAGNE-SIVRY-sur-MEUSE (exc.).

(4) The Corps will advance progressively to the normal objective. Upon reaching this objective, it will exploit towards the Exploitation Objective.

(d) This exploitation will be made by the 33rd and 29th U. S. Divisions and by the French Divisions on their right.

(e) Objectives of Neighboring Units.

(1) The 29th Division will carry out the exploitation on the right of the 33rd Division; its zone of action is: See Map. Its objectives are those portions of the 1st and 2nd Exploitation objectives of the Corps included within its zone of action.

2. GENERAL PLAN.

(a) Mission of 33rd Division.

During the attack, the 33rd Division will carry out its present defensive mission on the west bank of the MEUSE and be ready to take part in the exploitation after the Normal Objective has been reached.

(b) Zone of Exploitation.

The boundaries of the zone of the 33rd Division are:

East boundary: the north and the south grid line 24.

West boundary: the MEUSE.

(c) Objectives: The objectives of the 33rd Division are those portions of the 1st and 2nd Exploitation Objectives of the XVII Corps included within its zone of action.

(d) Initial Dispositions:

The 33rd Division will exploit with a detachment consisting of:

132nd Inf. (less 1 Bn. and M. G. Co. 132nd Inf.).

1 Bn. 131st Inf.

3 M. G. Cos., from 66th Brigade.

2 Cos., 108th Engineers.

3 Bns. 75 mm. artillery.

1 Bn. 155 mm. artillery.

3. DETAILED ORDERS FOR UNITS.

(a) (1) Colonel ABEL DAVIS, 132nd Inf. will command the detachment making the exploitation.

(2) The Mission zone of action and Objectives of this detachment are the same as those of the 33rd Division.

(3) On D day at H hour the detachment will be located as follows:

Infantry: 1 Bn. (with attached M. G. Co.) in the northern part of BOIS de FORGES ready to cross over the MEUSE in the vicinity of CONSENVOYE.

1 Bn. (with attachment M. G. Co.) in the S. E. part of BOIS de FORGES ready to cross over the MEUSE in the vicinity of BRABANT.

1 Bn. (with attached M. G. Co.) in the S. W. part of BOIS de FORGES ready to cross over the MEUSE in the vicinity of BRABANT.

Engineers:

1 Co. vicinity west of CONSENVOYE, 1 Co. west of BRABANT, ready to throw the bridges for the Infantry.

Artillery:

1st Bn. 104th F. A., S. W. of BOIS de FORGES.

2nd Bn. 104th F. A., S. W. of BOIS de FORGES.

2nd Bn. 105th F. A., south slopes of COTE de l'OIE.

2nd Bn. 106th H. F. A., vicinity of CHATTENCOURT.

This artillery will form a group under command of Colonel Emery E. Smith.

P. C. southern slope of COTE de l'OIE.

(b) The Comdg. General 66th Inf. Brig. will detail one Bn. 131st Inf. and three M. G. Cos. from 66th Brig. and direct them to report to Colonel Davis for orders.

(c) The 3rd Bn. 129th Inf. plus one M. G. Co. will be attached to the 131st Inf. during this operation to replace the Bn. attached to the 132nd Inf. The Comdg. General 65th Inf. Brig. will direct the C. O. 3rd Bn. 129th Inf. to report to the Comdg. General 66th Brig. for orders.

(d) The 65th and 66th Inf. Brigades will be on the alert on D day for eventualities which may arise.

(e) Artillery:

(1) The mission of the artillery will be to protect the advance of the Infantry by a rolling barrage.

(2) In order not to hit friendly infantry engaged in the BOIS de CONSENVOYE the barrage will in no case be placed south of the CONSENVOYE-RICHENE road.

(3) The rolling barrage will be furnished by the three Bns. of 75's, the barrage will be put down in front of the jumping off line at X hour minus 10 min. and will start rolling forward at X hour at the rate of 100 meters in 4 min. across open ground and 100 meters in 6 minutes in woods.

(4) The Bn. of heavy artillery will put down concentrations on strong points.

(5) For barrage time table see Annex No. 1.

(f) Engineers:

The engineers will construct a bridge in the vicinity of BRABANT and another in the vicinity of CONSENVOYE. The construction of these will be started as soon as possible on D day. The C. O. 108th Engrs. will assign two companies to this task and will make all necessary arrangements to construct the bridges and keep them in good condition for traffic.

(g) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) On D day at H hour the XVII French Corps will begin its attack and advance to its normal Objective which should be reached at H plus 7 hrs. 30 minutes.

(2) The exact time when the exploitations will begin will depend upon the progression of this attack.

(3) The Comdg. General 18th French Division will determine when the exploitation will begin. Pursuant to the orders of the XVII. French Corps. He will notify the Comdg. General 33rd Division when the detachment under Colonel Davis should move out. Colonel Davis will therefore receive orders giving the hour of crossing the river and the hour of beginning the exploitation from the commanding General 33rd Division. The hour for beginning the exploitation is the hour "X."

(4) When ordered, the two Bns. in the southern part of BOIS de FORGES will cross the river at BRABANT and move to the north, side by side. At the hour X. they will be formed on the departure line ready to start the exploitation.

(5) The advance in exploitation will be at the rate of 100 meters in 4 minutes in open ground and 100 meters in 6 minutes through woods. The whole line will stop on the 1st Exploitations Objectives where the barrage will remain stationary until X, plus 2 hrs. 12 minutes, when the advance will again be resumed towards the 2nd Exploitation Objective.

(6) The two battalions will progress without waiting for each other. They will assist each other and battalions of the 29th Division on their right by flanking action against enemy strong points which may be retarding their advance.

(7) The 3rd Bn. will cross the MEUSE at CONSENVOYE under orders from Colonel Davis.

(8) Upon reaching the 2nd Exploitations Objective, the position will be organized for defense and against counter-attacks. Distribution will be in depth.

(9) During the first phase (until H plus 7 hrs. 30 min.) the available artillery machine guns, one pounder guns and trench mortars of the 33rd Division will help the attack of XVII Corps by firing on the enemy batteries, O. P.'s, trenches and enemy troops seen.

During the second phase (Exploitations), the machine guns and one-pounders only will assist, these will fire only on distinct enemy targets, such as a body of enemy troops, enemy machine guns or one-pounders in action.

4. Necessary administrative instructions will be issued by G-1.

5. LIAISON.

(a) Combat Liaison: Close Combat Liaison by a mixed group, will be maintained with the 29th Division at and after crossing the Normal Objective.

(b) Plan of Liaison: See Annex No. 3.

(c) P. C.'s 33rd Division: LA HUTTE (coordinates 21.3-69.3).

66th Brigade: FLAGEY-20.7-70.8.

Col. DAVIS Before X hour: BOIS de FORGES; After X hour, Vicinity of BRABANT.

Supporting Artillery: COTE de l'OIE.

29th Division: VACHERAUVILLE.

18th Division (French): P. C. NEPTUNE in BRAS.

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Major General.
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ADMINISTRATIVE)

ORDERS NO. 2")

HEADQUARTERS, 33RD DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

7th October, 1918.

In Connection with F. O. No. 27.

1. This Division will be engaged by crossing the Meuse River on the morning of the 8th.

2. The Railhead will be BALEYCOURT.

DISTRIBUTING POINTS FOR RATIONS, FORAGE, WOOD AND GASOLINE

The Distributing Points will be CUMIERES and FORGES, in accordance with location of troops.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS—MEN.

The Division Surgeon will make arrangements for the evacuation of the wounded, evacuating them across the MEUSE over the Bridges at BRABANT and CONSENVOYE, thence to the triages. Ambulances will be placed either on the west side of the road at CONSENVOYE or at BRABANT, and ambulances will also run on the east side of the River between these two points.

Dressing Stations: No change.

ANIMALS.

The Division Veterinarian will arrange for the evacuation of animals through the Division Mobile Veterinary Unit at LONGBUT, by way of FORGES.

AMMUNITION DUMPS.

Ammunition Dumps are established:

For Infantry Ammunition: AT CUMIERES.

For Artillery Ammunition: At Water Point across the Forges River.

ENGINEER DUMP.

The engineer dump for engineering material is located at CUMIERES. The dump for entrenching tools is located at CUMIERES and the Water Point.

SALVAGE DUMP.

Salvage Dumps will be established by Regimental Commanders, report being made to G-1 as to their location. The Salvage Corps will arrange for the hauling and collecting of salvage from these dumps and the establishment of a Divisional Salvage Dump at THIERVILLE.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

A detachment of the Military Police is attached to the 65th Brigade. The Commanding General of the 66th Brigade will deliver his prisoners through the medium of this detachment to the Military Police at FORGES, who will return them to the Military Cage at LONGBUT, thence to Corps.

ROADS.

The axial road of the Division is MARRE-CUMIERES-FORGES. The river-road running on the west bank of the Meuse is a one-way road for traffic proceeding south.

STRAGGLER POSTS

The Commanding General of the 66th Brigade will arrange to establish straggler posts.

MAIL.

The Postmaster will make the necessary arrangements with the Division Quartermaster for the daily delivery of mail on the ration carts.

REPAIRS.

A Mobile Repair Unit for the repairing of motor vehicles is established at THIERVILLE.

A Mobile Ordnance Repair Unit for the repairing of guns and small arms is located at FRANA FARM.

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The cemetery for the advance zone will be located by the Division Burials Officer, who will make suitable arrangements for the burial of the dead.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BELL.

W. K. NAYLOR,
*Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.*

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P. C. 33rd DIVISION, American E. F.

8th October, 1918. 11:45 P. M.

FIELD ORDERS)

No. 28)

MAPS: VERDUN "B" ETAIN "A" BRANDEVILLE, 1:20,000.

1. (a) The line reached this evening is approximately as follows: 700 m. northeast of CONSENVOYE-DANVILLERS up to the western edge of BOIS DE CONSENVOYE—Points 5996—6596—6901—O. P. south of BOIS d'ORMONT-ORMONT Fme.—northern edge of BOIS d'HAUMONT, northwestern corner of BOIS des CAURES—HILL 329 and La WAVRILLE.

(b) The right Bn. 132nd Inf. is 100 meters south of the southern edge of BOIS de CHAUME. The left Bn. 132nd Inf. is about 700 meters northeast of CONSENVOYE. The 2nd Bn. 131st Inf. is on the CONSENVOYE-RICHENE road, south of BOIS de CHAUME, in support.

(c) The XVII French Corps will resume its attack tomorrow morning.

(d) Progression will be pushed particularly along the crest of HILL 338, north of MALBROUCK, and to the west and northwest of BOIS de CONSENVOYE.

2. The detachment under Colonel ABEL DAVIS, 132nd Inf., will continue its exploitation tomorrow morning at 6:00 o'clock.

3. (a) Advantage will be taken on the night to reorganize the battalions which started the exploitation today. Troops will be re-organized for defense during the night and distributed in depth in such formation as to be in readiness to resume the advance tomorrow morning.

(b) The Battalion of the 129th Inf., already placed at the disposition of Colonel DAVIS as detachment reserve, will cross to the east bank of the MEUSE tonight under orders of Colonel DAVIS.

(c) During the night, the artillery will continue its prohibiting fire and be in readiness to break up enemy counter-attacks.

(d) Exploitation will be resumed as follows:

(1) At 6:00 A. M. Oct. 9th, a standing barrage will be put down by the artillery along the barrage line, X-1H6, Sketch No. 1, Barrage time table, Annex No. 1 to Field Order No. 27.

At the same time, the two leading battalions will resume their advance and move to within 300 meters behind the standing barrage.

(2) At 6:40 A. M. the barrage will start rolling forward followed by the two leading Battalions at a distance of 300 meters to the Exploitation Objectives, as prescribed in Field Order No. 27.

(3) Particular care will be given to protecting the right flank against counter-attacks, and to ensuring liaison with the 29th Div. (U. S.) on the right.

4. Necessary administrative arrangements will be made by G-1.

5. P. C.:—No change.

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Major General.

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P. C. 33rd Division, A. E. F.

10th Oct., 1918, 9:00 P. M

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FIELD ORDERS:)

No. 29)

MAPS: VERDUN "A" and "B")

ETAIN "A".)

BRANDENVILLE,)

DUN-sur-MEUSE.)

1. (a) The troops to the right of the 33rd Div. will continue their operations October 11, 1918, in accordance with the plan of Engagement, XVII French Corps.

(b) Troops of the 4th Division on our left now occupy the trench du TETON.

2. (a) The 33rd Div. will hold the sector gained by it on the east side of the MEUSE, insuring the possession of Bois de CHAUME and Bois PLAT-CHENE as far as the Ravine du PLAT-CHENE.

(b) The area now held by the 33rd Div. will be divided into two Sectors, the Right Sector and the Left Sector.

(1) RIGHT SECTOR: The Right Sector will be under the command of the Comdg. General 66th Inf. Brigade, and will be bounded as follows:—

Right boundary: the Meridian 24.

Left boundary: the River MEUSE (inc.).

(2) LEFT SECTOR: The Left Sector will be under the command of the Comdg General 65th Brigade and will be bounded as follows:—

Right boundary: The river MEUSE (excl.).

Left boundary: Left boundary of the 33rd Division.

3. (a) Right Sector.

(1) The Main Line of Resistance will be along the northern edge of Bois de CHAUME and following the general line of the wood road running in a southeasterly direction to the vicinity of Hill 371, making such adjustments of the right of the line as to insure liaison with the 58th American Infantry Brigade on the right. The line of resistance will be held to the last.

(2) The outpost Zone will be covered by patrols and small groups, on the north, the exterior limit being the 2nd Exploitation Objective and bending off to the right and continuing on to the Ravine du PLAT-CHENE. The river bottoms will be covered by patrols.

(3) The Comdg. General 66th Inf. Brig. Comdr. of the Right Sector, will arrange for the proper distribution of troops to accomplish this purpose. Troops will be distributed in depth.

(4) Such reliefs of duty in the first line as may be deemed necessary, will be effected by the Comdg. General 66th Inf. Brig. utilizing troops not already engaged, and the reserve effort will be made to avoid unnecessary fatigue and insure rest for replenishment of supplies.

(5) The line of resistance will be prepared for defense.

(6) Close liaison by means of a mixed detachment with the 29th Div. U. S. on the right will be established in the vicinity of Hill 371 and 382 (Richene). Close liaison will be established with Division P. C., and all lines of information will be put in perfect working order.

(7) Prompt means will be taken to bring up all stragglers, and to complete any necessary reorganization of units, particular caution will be taken to guard against an attack on the right flank.

(8) The Comdg. General 66th Brig. will arrange with Colonel Emery T. Smith, Comdr. of the supporting Artillery group, for necessary defensive barrages.

(b) Left Sector.

Mission of the troops holding the left Sector. No change.

4. (a) The question of ammunition supply will be given strict attention. A. Small Arms Ammunition and ration dump has been established at both ends of the CONSENVOYE Bridge. The CONSENVOYE Bridge will be ready for animal transport 11th October, 1918, but traffic will only be by isolated wagons, and with no unnecessary traffic during the day.

(b) Necessary administrative instructions will be issued by G.I.

5. P. C.'s: 33rd Division. No change.

Comdr. Support Arty. Group: (Col. Emery T. Smith) 19.8-72.4.

65th Inf. Brig. No change.

66th Inf. Brig. 215,775.

52nd Art. Brig. No change.

BELL,
Major General.

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P. C. 33rd Division, A. E. F.

13th Oct., 1918, 6:00 P. M.

ADDENDUM No. 1,

Copy No.

to

FIELD ORDER No. 29.

Field Order No. 29.e.s. these headquarters, is modified as follows:

1. It is the intention of the Division Commander to begin the operation of placing the 65th Inf. Brig. on the east bank of the river MEUSE and the 66th Inf. Brig. on the west bank and of transferring the command at once.

2. (a) The reliefs necessary to accomplish this will be commenced at dark on the night of 14-15th October and will be carried out incessantly while darkness lasts. Any movements incomplete will be finished the following night.

(1) The 132 Inf. now on the west bank of the MEUSE, on the night of 14-15th October will relieve the units of the 65th Inf. Brig. holding the line on the west bank of the river. The units of the 65th Inf. Brig. will then march to the east bank at once.

(2) The units of the 65th Inf. Brig. on the east bank of the river will relieve the units of the 66th Inf. Brig. holding the line, and the latter will then be marched to the west bank of the river.

(3) The CONSENVOYE Bridge will be used for this purpose the right of way being given to the units of the 65th Inf. Brig. crossing from the west to the east bank of the river.

(4) Machine gun units will be so adjusted between the two brigades as to return them to their respective brigades. Units of the 122nd M. G. Bn. will be assembled at a suitable place in Bois de FORGES.

(b) The relief on the east bank of the river will be in charge of the Cmdg. General 65th Inf. Brig. who will confer with the Cmdg. General 66th Inf. Brig. as to the situation and take charge upon being informed thereof.

At the same time the Comdg. General 65th Inf. Brig. will inform the Comdg. General of the 66th Inf. Brig. of the situation on the left bank of the river, and upon being so informed the Comdg. General of the 66th Inf. Brig. will take charge on the left bank of the river.

All details of this relief will be arranged tomorrow, 14th Oct. during daylight.

3. Par. 3 (a) (1), Field Order No. 29 with reference to line of resistance in right sector, will be strictly carried out, adjustment only being made to connect up with the line of resistance of the troops of the 29th Division on the right. Care will be taken to avoid any ugly salients in the line as assumed.

4. Necessary administrative instructions will be issued by G-1.

5. Brigade Commanders will select suitable P. C.'s within their respective sectors, notifying these headquarters, location as soon as possible.

6. When respective reliefs are completed report to this effect will be sent to these Hdqrs. accompanied by a sketch showing disposition of all units.

BELL,
Major General.

P. C. 33rd Division, A. E. F.

26th October, 1918. WHS-kph.

66th Brigade
131st Infantry,
122nd M. G. Bn.

1. Pursuant to orders of the II Colonial Army Corps (French) the 39th Div. (French) will be relieved in its Sector by extension of the front of the 28th Div. to the west and of the 33rd Div. U. S. to the east.

Boundaries between 33rd Div. U. S. and 28th Div. U. S.:

Western edge of Bois des HARAVILLERS and REBOIS-HATTONCHATEL (to 28th Div.) Villy-sur-MEUSE (to 33rd Div.) BRASSEITE (to 28th Div.) MECRIN (to 28th Div.)

2. The 33rd Div. U. S. will relieve part of the 39th Div. (French) as follows:—

Night 27/28th Oct.—1 Bn. 131st Inf. (to be designated by Regtl. Comdr.) and 2 Cos. 122nd M. G. Bn. will relieve elements of the 39th Div. (French) in the zone of outposts and position of resistance.

On Oct. 28th 1 Bn. 131st Inf. (to be designated by Regtl. Comdr.) will be located in reserve as follows:

Bn. Hdqrs. and 3 Cos. at CHAILLON.

1 Co. with Regtl. Band (131st Inf.) at ST. MIHIEL.

3. (a) 1 Bn. 131st Inf. and 122nd M. G. Bn. will march to CHAILLON afternoon of Oct. 26th where they will stage night 26/27th Oct.

Routes: THILLOMBOIS-WOIMBEY-LACROIX-LAMORVILLE-CHAILLON.

Billeting parties for this Bn. and 122nd M. G. Bn. will proceed at once to CHAILLON. Transportation for these parties will be furnished by C. O. 122nd M. G. Bn., who will confer with C. O. 131st Inf., regarding arrangements.

Reconnaissance parties (with Interpreters) will report to C. O. 153rd Inf. (French) at CREUE at 8:30 A. M., Oct. 27. This relief will be made night 27/28th Oct., details to be arranged between C. O.s, concerned.

(b) (1) Bn. Hdqrs. and 3 Cos. of the reserve Bn. (131st Inf.) will march morning Oct. 28th to CHAILLON.

Route: THILLOMBOIS-WOIMBEY-LACROIX-LAMORVILLE-CHAILLON.

Billeting parties will proceed to CHAILLON afternoon Oct. 27 reporting upon arrival to Town Major at ST. MIHIEL regarding billeting arrangements.

4. Later orders will be issued regarding disposition of the Bn. 131st Inf. not affected by these orders.

By command of MAJOR GENERAL BELL.

(W. H. SIMPSON),

Major, Inf. G-3.

For W. K. NAYLOR,

Brig. Gen. G. S., Chief of Staff.

SECRET.

33rd DIVISION, American E. F.

7th November, 1918.

FIELD ORDER)
No. 32.)

MAPS: VIGNEULLES A and B 1/20,000.

1. It is reported that the enemy is making preparations for a withdrawal from our front.

2. Pursuant to orders from the Second Army, the IV Corps will develop the situation by reconnaissance in force by attacking on D day at H hour, with 2 Brigades of Infantry, in the direction of Bois de WARVILLE.

3. In conjunction with the IV Army Corps this Division will on D day make raids and artillery demonstrations as follows:

(a) The 65th Brigade will make an attack on MARCHEVILLE, this attack will be delivered by 1 Bn. of Infantry, with another Bn. in support.

(b) The 66th Brigade will attack Bois d'HARVILLE, with 1 Bn. of Infantry and with 1 Bn. in support.

(c) The Divisional Artillery will support these attacks by the execution of any necessary box and creeping barrages.

(d) Commanding General, Divisional Artillery, will detail 1 Bn. of 75's and 1 Bn. of 155's to be placed at the disposition of the IV U. S. Army Corps for this operation. Orders for the movement of these Bns. will be given in later orders.

4. The Commanding Generals 65th and 66th Infantry Brigades, after consultation with the Commanding General, Divisional Artillery, will submit detailed plans for the above raids not later than 8:00 P. M. November 7, 1918.

5. Administrative details, no change.

6. (a) Liaison, no change.

(b) P. C.'s, no change.

By command of MAJOR GENERAL BELL,

W. K. NAYLOR,
*Brigadier General G. S.,
Chief of Staff.*

G-3

WHS-kph

Copy No. 26.

P. C. 33RD DIVISION, A. E. F.,
10th November 1918. 9:00 A. M.

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FIELD ORDER)
NO. 34)

MAPS: VIGNEULLES A and B 1/20,000.

METZ S. W. and S. E. 1/50,000.

COMMERCEY N. W. and N. E. 1/50,000.

1. (a) Reports received indicate that the enemy is withdrawing progressively on our front, from west to east, leaving a shell to cover his departure.

(b) The 81st Div. is pushing forward on our left.

(c) The 28th Div. on our right and other Divisions of the Second Army pushed forward at 7:00 A. M. today.

2. The 33rd Division will carry out the mission laid down in "Conduct in case of withdrawal of the Enemy," Annex No. 11, to Defense Scheme, TROYON-CHAILLON Sector, dated Nov. 8th, 1918. The movement will commence at once.

The greatest expedition is necessary.

3. Orders for the movement of the elements of the "Division Troops and Hdqrs. Column" will be issued later.

4. Administrative details as prescribed in Annex No. 11 to Defense Scheme.

5. (a) Axes of liaison as prescribed in Annex No. 11 to Defense Scheme.

(b) Combat liaison will be maintained by the 65th Brig. with the 61st Div. on our left and by the 66th Brig. with the 28th Div. on our right.

(c) Location and time of change of P. C.'s will be announced later.

BELL,
Major General.

WHS-hel

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Copy No. 28.

P. C. 33RD DIVISION, A. E. F.,
10th Nov., 1918. 11:00 P. M.

SECRET

FIELD ORDER

NO. 35.

MAPS: VIGNEULLES "A" and "B" 1:20,000.

METZ, S. W. & S. E., 1:50,000.

COMMERCEY, N. W. & N. E., 1:50,000.

1. (a) The attack is progressing on the whole front of the Second Army in spite of stubborn resistance.

(b) The 28th Div. on our right has captured the northeast edges of Bois des HAUDRONVILLES BAS and Bois des HARAVILLERS.

(c) The 81st Div. on our left holds the general line FRESNES-en-Woevre—1 km. south of VILLE-en-Woevre—Southern edge of la NOIRE HAYE Wood—southeastern edge of Bois de MANHEULLES.

2. Tomorrow, November 11, 1918, the 33rd Division will resume its attack and develop with energy the success already obtained.

3. (a) The 65th Inf. Brig. keeping liaison with the 81st Div. on its left, will seize and hold RIAVILLE, PINTHEVILLE, MAIZERAY and HARVILLE.

(b) The 66th Inf. Brig. keeping liaison with the 28th Div. on its right, will seize and hold the northeast edge of Bois d'HARVILLE, small wood 1200 meters northeast of la BERTAUCOURT Farm, JONVILLE.

(c) The 65th Field Artillery Brigade will so place its batteries as to support the various attacks.

(d) The 65th Inf. Brig. will begin its attack at 5:00 A. M. and the 66th Brig. at 5:45 A. M.

(e) All ground gained will be held and close contact will be maintained with the enemy.

4. Administrative details: No change.

5. P. C.'s: 33rd Division: No change.

65th Brigade: COMBRES after 5:00 A. M.

66th Brigade: No change.

Arty. Comdr.: No change.

BELL,
Major General.

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WHS-hel

Copy No. 27.

P. C. 33RD DIVISION, A. E. F.,
11th November, 1918. 10:00 A. M.

SECRET

FIELD ORDER }
NO. 36 }

MAPS: VIGNEULLES "A" and "B" 1:20,000.

METZ, S. W. & S. E., 1:50,000.

COMMERCEY, N. W. & N. E., 1:50,000.

1. (a) The Armistice has been signed and will become effective November 11, 1918, at 11:00 A. M.

(b) All hostilities will cease at once and no further advance will be made.

2. No communication will take place with the enemy.

3. (a) The line reached will be organized for defense. The boundary between brigade sub-sectors remains unchanged. Troops in each sub-sector will be distributed in depth.

(b) Each Brigade will at once make all arrangements to advance in appropriate formation with Advance Guards, in case orders are received to move forward to occupy surrendered territory. In such case, troops in the Outpost Zone will constitute the Advance Guard.

4. The Comdg. General, 65th and 66th Inf. Brigades will each detail two officers at once to make a sketch, scale 1:20,000, showing the exact line reached by our troops. This sketch must be at Division Hdqrs. by 12:00 Noon, November 11, 1918, (today).

BELL,
Major General.

G/3

P. C., 33rd Division, A. E. F.

4th December, 1918. RW-kph

Commanding Officer,
131st Infantry.

1. Pursuant to telegraphic instructions from Second Army, December 2nd, 1918, the third battalion of the 131st Infantry on December 5th, 1918, will proceed by march from present station to METZ, reporting upon arrival to the Staff of the Military Governor.

2. Route of march will be WOEL-JONVILLE-LATOUR en WOEVRE-HAN-NONVILLE au Passage—thence main road to METZ. The Battalion will stage for the night, December 5th/6th, at MARS-la-TOUR.

3. Rations will be taken up to and including noon December 7th. After that time rations will be drawn by arrangement with the French staff.

4. Full field equipment will be taken and strict march discipline enforced.

By command of MAJOR GENERAL BELL.

REANE WARRING.

Major, Infantry,
Acting G-3

Copy No.

WRS/hcl

P. C. 33rd Division,
American E. F.FIELD ORDER
NO. 38.

Luxembourg, 13th Dec., 1918, 23 hours.

MAPS: 1/200,000. French.
1/20,000. Luxembourg.

1. (a) The enemy has completed the withdrawal of his forces from the territory west of the RHINE, and from areas included in the bridgehead of COBLENZ. The 2nd British Army advances to occupy the bridgehead of COLOGNE and the French Army the bridgehead of MAYENCE and the southern sector of the COBLENZ bridgehead.

(b) The leading Corps of the Third Army crossed the RHINE at 7:00 hours, 13th Dec. and will hold the northern sector of the COBLENZ bridgehead.

(c) The Seventh Army Corps will occupy the rear of the Army area.

2. The 33rd Division will proceed by marching from its present area to station in area shown on map attached. Move to commence 14th Dec. and to be completed before 12 hours, 18th Dec., 1918, in accordance with March Table (Annex No. 1) attached, and subsequent annexes to be hereafter issued.

3. (a) The 66th Inf. Brig. will occupy the area in the vicinity of SAARBURG.

(b) The 65th Inf. Brig. will occupy the area in the vicinity of MEHRING.

(c) Final dispositions of units of the 55th F. A. Brig. will be announced in later orders.

(d) Billeting parties will precede their units to staging areas and make necessary arrangements.

(e) Strict march discipline will be observed. Intervals of 50 yards between companies and 200 yards between Battalions of Infantry and batteries of Artillery will be maintained.

(x) The following will govern the distribution of troops:

(i) Health and comfort of troops.

(ii) Control of the areas.

(iii) Prompt movement of division to the support of the advanced elements of the Army.

No troops already in billets will be displaced by this movement.

No troops will be billeted in the City of LUXEMBOURG, nor will any, except formed bodies of troops, march through this City.

No troops will be billeted in TRIER.

The following towns are not available for billeting:

TRIER, EUREN, ZEWEEN, PALLIEN, WITTLICH, BOMBOGEN, DORF, NEUERBURG, LUXEMBOURG, HUPPERATH, WEHLEN, CUES, SALINROHR, DORBACH, DREIS, ATTRICH, BERGWEILER, BRUCH.

4. Administrative order will follow.

5. P. C.'s:

VII Army Corps—GREVENMACHER (to change at 16 hrs. 14 Dec. to WITTLICH).

33rd Division—ESCH (to change at 16 hrs. 15 Dec. to GREVENMACHER, and at 12 hrs. 17 Dec. to SCHWEICH).

P. C.'s of Brigades,—as shown in march tables.

BELL,
Major General.

PART SECOND—ROSTERS

KEY TO ROSTERS.

- D. Died of disease—date follows.
- J. Joined organization as replacement or otherwise—date follows.
- K. Killed in action or death resulting from wounds—date follows.
- R. Rejoined organization—date follows.
- S. Dropped from rolls of organization on account of being sick in hospital—date follows.
- T. Transferred out of organization—date follows.
- W. Dropped from rolls on account of being wounded and sent to hospital—date follows.

DEMOBILIZATION CAMPS

Wherever the name of a Demobilization Camp follows the name of an individual it signifies that the person named was sent to that camp.

Men sent to Camp Grant were mustered out of the service June 4 to 6, 1919, except officers who availed themselves of 15 days' leave, who were mustered out at expiration of leave.

Men sent to Camps Ayers, Bowie, Custer, Devens, Dix, Dodge, Ft. Bliss, Ft. Logan, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ft. D. A. Russell, Funston, Gordon, Jackson, Jefferson Barracks, Lee, Lewis, Meade, Merritt, Pike, Presidio, Shelby, Sherman, Taylor, Travis and Upton were detached from the organization May 31, June 1, 1919, and forwarded to the camp noted.

Men mustered out or discharged at Camp Mills for special reasons, or for the purpose of enlisting in the regular army, are so noted, and were separated from the organization at that point.

CHAPTER XX

ROSTERS OF OFFICERS.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY, MAY 30, 1918.

Name	Rank Changes	Disposition	Name	Rank Changes	Disposition
Sanborn, Joseph B.	Colonel,	Grant	Keating, Charles T.	1st Lt.,	T4-11-19
Eddy, James M.	Lt. Col.,	T10-28-18, R11-7-18, Grant	Koepke, Arthur R.	1st Lt.,	Grant
Allen, Francis M.	Major,	Grant	Langlund, Arthur A.	1st Lt.,	T7-12-18
Amerson, George C.	Major,	T3-11-18	Lyon, Bert.	1st Lt.,	T8-5-18
Cheney, Harry E.	Major,	W7-4-18	Malstrom, George N.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	8-22-18, Grant
Gale, Paul C.	Major,	T-8-9-18	Mangum, William R.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	6-30-18, Maj., 4-23-19, Grant
Bridges, Melvin W.	Captain,	W-7-23-18	Marchant, John R.	1st Lt.,	K10-9-18
Gale, Carroll M.	Captain,	T4-11-19	Marr, Walter W.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	9-1-18, T4-27-19
Haines, Frederick E.	Captain-Maj.,	10-22-18 T6-20-18, R12-27-18, Grant	McGuire, Daniel C.	1st Lt.,	T5-10-19
Hendron, William Y.	Captain-Maj.,	6-15-18, T6-15-18	Murphy, Glenn E.	1st Lt.,	T4-11-19
Hickey, Michael L.	Captain,	Grant	Pease, Herbert.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	11-9-18, Dodge
Hopps, Edwin S.	Captain,	T4-22-19	Porter, Charles M.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	8-16-18, Grant
Luke, James W.	Captain,	T10-1-18	Preston, Louis	1st Lt.-Capt.,	8-22-18, S11-22-18
Magner, Walter H.	Captain-Maj.,	2-18-19, Grant	Pride, Henry N.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	10-25-18, Grant
McKernan, Edwin E.	Captain,	T8-31-18	Reusnow, Edward L.	1st Lt.,	W8-9-18
Melville, James D.	Captain,	T1-21-19, R2-24-19, Grant	Schwald, Norman A.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	11-24-18, Jefferson Barracks
Miller, George R.	Captain,	Grant	Sharp, David W.	1st Lt.,	Grant
Neal, Charles N.	Captain,	T6-9-18	Slack, John W.	1st Lt.,	W10-5-18
Richmond, John M.	Captain-Maj.,	4-23-19, Grant	Stockwell, James C.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	10-25-18, Grant
Scott, George F.	Captain,	T7-8-18	Tapper, Charles F.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	10-25-18, Grant
Stenson, Severra A.	Captain,	T14-13-19	Thompson, Walter C.	1st Lt.,	W10-9-18
Wilson, William M.	Captain,	T4-11-19	Weimer, Herman H.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	10-25-18, Grant
Bachand, Edmund A.	1st Lt.,	Grant	Westerman, Lawrence W.	1st Lt.,	W8-10-18
Bamforth, Arthur H.	1st Lt.,	T-10-20-18, R12-10-18, T3-11-19	Williams, Howard H.	1st Lt.,	Grant
Becker, Julius C.	1st Lt.,	Grant	Wurl, Otto A.	1st Lt.,	T8-5-18
Bisson, Walter C.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	10-14-18, Grant	Beebe, Lawrence E.	2nd Lt.-1st Lt.,	10-1-18, T5-10-19
Bottomley, Henry S.	1st Lt.,	Grant	Belt, Elden L.	2nd Lt.-1st Lt.,	8-2-18, T4-11-19
Clissold, Alfred N.	1st Lt.,	T4-27-19	Borchardt, Ernest C.	2nd Lt.-1st Lt.,	10-25-18, Grant
Cohrs, Walter L.	1st Lt.,	Grant	Brooks, James E.	2nd Lt.-1st Lt.,	8-9-18, Grant
Crafton, George A.	1st Lt.,	T7-22-18	Brown, Leon L.	2nd Lt.-1st Lt.,	8-2-18, T2-4-19
Crow, Herbert R.	1st Lt.,	Grant	Casey, Thomas V.	2nd Lt.-1st Lt.,	8-10-18, Grant
Daniels, Charles L.	1st Lt.,	S9-7-18	Clarke, James W.	2nd Lt.-1st Lt.,	10-1-18, T10-21-18
Davis, Samuel C.	1st Lt.,	Grant	Duffett, Edmund A.	2nd Lt.,	Grant
deBruyn, Herbert C.	1st Lt.,	Grant	Fisher, Clarence W.	2nd Lt.,	T8-5-18
DeVaney, Frank.	1st Lt.,	K8-10-18	Fitzpatrick, Frank G.	2nd Lt.-1st Lt.,	11-14-18, Grant
Dickson, Harrison A.	1st Lt.,	K8-10-18	Grace, George W.	2nd Lt.-1st Lt.,	8-12-18, T8-26-18
Egerton, Thomas R.	1st Lt.,	Grant	Helsten, Allan F.	2nd Lt.-1st Lt.,	6-6-18, T5-10-19
Emerick, Edgar J.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	4-23-19, Grant	Heyl, John.	2nd Lt.-1st Lt.,	8-2-18, W8-23-18
Fiedler, Raymond F.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	4-23-19, Grant	Holt, Joseph R.	2nd Lt.-1st Lt.,	8-2-18, T5-10-19
Frisbie, Frank E.	1st Lt.,	T4-11-19			
Gano, Henry A.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	8-2-18, W10-10-18			
Hackett, Harry E.	1st Lt.,	K8-9-18			
Harkness, Nathan J.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	9-2-18, Grant			
Hays, Verne.	1st Lt.,	8-10-12-18			
Holden, Walter H.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	2-25-19, Grant			
James, David H.	1st Lt.-Capt.,	2-25-19, T10-19-18, R12-23-18, Taylor			
Jefferson, Albert G.	1st Lt.,	Grant			

Name	Rank	Changes	Disposition
Johnson, Frank A.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	11-14-18, W7-4-18
Kennedy, Thomas J.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	10-31-18, T11-7-18
King, Harold H.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	8-2-18, W8-15-18
Kuehne, Albert W.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	8-2-18, Grant
Lee, John C.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	8-2-18, K8-9-18
Lewis, Raymond P.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	W10-10-18
Gengenbach, Herman B.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	9-1-18, Grant
Lyon, Glenn H.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	T5-10-19
Miller, Charles S.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	T6-14-18
Nelson, Elmer C.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	T8-5-18
Nichols, Halton L.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	W10-10-18
O'Malley, Daniel J.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	10-21-18, Grant
Plummer, Elmer R.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	W7-4-18
Schmidt, George F.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	8-2-18, W8-10-18
Schultz, William J.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	6-13-18, W9-26-18
Snyder, Harold M.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	9-9-18, Taylor
Schantz, Joseph E.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	8-2-18, Capt., 11-8-18, Grant

Name	Rank	Changes	Disposition
Stern, Victor.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	9-1-18, Grant
Zust, Ernest A.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.	8-16-18, W8-10-18
Deal, Walter J.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Peters, John P.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Davies, Herbert S.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Zobel, Arthur.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Ivison, W.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Perkins, Earl A.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Hamilton, Edward F.	1st Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Muschott, Stewart E.	Corp.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Patterson, Ralph T.	Sgt.	Maj.	2nd Lt., 3-16-19, Grant
Hall, George W.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Warren, John T.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Griffith, Jesse B.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Sells, Jackson J.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, T5-10-19
Larson, Walter M.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Hanson, Robert C.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	4-9-19, Grant
Code, Virgil E.	1st Sgt.	2nd Lt.	9-19-18, 1st Lt., 4-27-19, Grant
Swafford, Fred W.	Sgt.	2nd Lt.	10-1-18, 1st Lt., 4-27-19, Grant

ROSTER OF OFFICERS ASSIGNED AND ATTACHED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AFTER MAY 30, 1918.

Name	Rank	Date Assigned	Changes
Acuff, J. C.	1st Lt.	7-30-18,	T8-5-18
Albright, Frank C.	2nd Lt.	8-8-18,	Grant
Algeo, Herbert E.	Capt.	8-13-18,	T8-22-18
Beaman, Vane.	1st Lt.	8-7-18,	T2-4-19
Beauvais, Walton N.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18,	K11-10-18
Bosselman, Rudolph L.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18,	W8-12-18
Brewer, John W.	2nd Lt.	9-16-18,	T11-29-18
Brian, Edward H.	Capt.	12-9-18,	T12-28-18
Brown, Benjamin A.	2nd Lt.	7-31-18,	Upton
Brown, William L.	1st Lt.	8-29-18,	T9-5-18
Burns, J. R.	2nd Lt.	8-1-18,	T8-19-18
Butler, Charles F.	2nd Lt.	8-4-18,	Grant
Buysens, Richard H., Jr.	2nd Lt.	8-8-18,	Bowie
Clayton, Luther H.	2nd Lt.	8-8-18,	S10-11-18
Coady, John H.	Major.	8-17-18,	T10-19-18
Cobb, Thomas K.	2nd Lt.	11-25-18,	Lee
Cohen, H. M.	2nd Lt.	8-1-18,	T8-6-18
Cole, Frank B.	1st Lt.	11-25-18,	T4-27-19
Cronin, Patrick	2nd Lt.	10-18-18,	1st Lt., 4-27-19, Grant
Cruse, Bernard A.	2nd Lt.	9-16-18,	S1-17-19
Daggett, Wallace H.	2nd Lt.	5-10-19,	Grant
Dalheim, E. W.	2nd Lt.	8-15-18,	T8-17-18
Dent, Morris E.	2nd Lt.	10-29-18,	Meade
Dick, Henry J.	1st Lt.	9-7-18,	T4-11-19
Dorman, Oscar J.	Capt.	1-29-19,	T2-14-19
Douglas, Julian L.	2nd Lt.	8-8-18,	1st Lt., 10-10-18, Grant
Dunford, George M.	2nd Lt.	8-8-18,	1st Lt., 10-6-18, Grant
Durkin, Hugh.	1st Lt.	4-4-19,	T4-5-19
Edes, David O.	2nd Lt.	8-7-18,	K8-12-18
Emerson, Emmons K.	1st Lt.	6-15-18,	T7-10-18, R12-16-18, Grant
Emerson, Sidney D.	1st Lt.	1-6-19,	T4-11-19
Fillingham, Henry.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18,	T8-19-18
Foster, Walter C.	2nd Lt.	8-8-19,	1st Lt., 9-1-18, Grant
Frank, Christian J.	2nd Lt.	8-8-18,	1st Lt., 4-27-19, Grant
Freiberg, Hyman.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18,	K8-9-18
Freund, T. B.	2nd Lt.	8-1-18,	W8-11-18
Frisbey, Howard J.	2nd Lt.	10-17-18,	Grant
Frye, Jesse R.	2nd Lt.	11-25-18,	T4-11-19

Name	Rank	Date Assigned	Changes
Geehan, Maurice F.	1st Lt.	10-16-18,	Capt., 4-27-19, Ft. Logan
Gleason, Raymond F.	2nd Lt.	8-3-18,	1st Lt., 4-27-19, Grant
Goldstein, Morris.	2nd Lt.	11-25-18,	Dix
Gray, Fred H.	2nd Lt.	11-25-18,	1st Lt., 4-27-19, Grant
Guilfoyle, Thomas S.	2nd Lt.	8-4-18,	W9-26-18
Haig, Andrew C.	2nd Lt.	7-5-18,	T7-26-19
Hall, Burl S.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18,	Gordon
Hall, George W.	2nd Lt.	4-17-19,	Grant
Hall, Robert K.	2nd Lt.	12-4-18,	T5-9-19
Harding, Harold A.	2nd Lt.	7-28-18,	Grant
Heffron, Donald.	2nd Lt.	4-3-19,	Grant
Higbee, Matt L.	Major.	11-25-18,	T3-7-19
Hill, Lee R.	2nd Lt.	11-25-18,	Grant
Ilmink, Benjamin P.	2nd Lt.	9-16-18,	K11-10-18
Holm, Oscar G.	Capt.	12-2-18,	T12-29-18
Holm, George S.	2nd Lt.	7-20-18,	S11-27-18
Horton, Harding F.	2nd Lt.	9-16-18,	K10-9-18
Howard, John A.	2nd Lt.	6-17-18,	T8-30-18
Hunnell, Paul F.	2nd Lt.	9-16-18,	T5-14-19
Hunter, Harold C.	2nd Lt.	8-3-18,	W8-12-18
Jackson, Kenneth M.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18,	T8-5-18
Joos, William A.	2nd Lt.	8-8-18,	K8-10-18
Jordan, Robert J.	Capt.	8-27-18,	Grant
Kanter, Benjamin W.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18,	T8-5-18
Kenny, J. J.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18,	T8-5-18
King, Kenneth C.	1st Lt.	11-25-18,	Grant
Knight, George K.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18,	T8-5-18
Lane, Robert W.	2nd Lt.	9-16-18,	Dodge
Laxdal, Fred F.	2nd Lt.	12-4-18,	Grant
Loehr, Edward A.	1st Lt.	11-9-18,	Upton
Long, Roscoe C.	2nd Lt.	6-8-18,	T7-27-18
Mansell, Elton.	2nd Lt.	9-28-18,	Ayers
Marriner, Ernest H.	1st Lt.	8-29-18,	S11-2-18
Maguire, Sidney C.	2nd Lt.	4-30-19,	Grant
May, George J.	2nd Lt.	3-7-18,	Grant
Miller, Alexander G.	1st Lt.	6-11-18,	Grant
Mitchell, D. E.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18,	T8-5-18
Moore, Guy A.	1st Lt.	1-6-19,	T4-12-19
Noble, Everett.	2nd Lt.	2-21-19,	S8-15-19
Norton, Julian H.	2nd Lt.	6-12-18,	W8-10-18

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Name	Rank	Date Assigned	Changes
O'Dea, Robert E.	2nd Lt.	8-8-18, 1st Lt.	10-25-18, Grant
Pinto, Rene W.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18, W8-9-18	
Posta, Harry F.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18, W8-9-18	
Powell, Matthew J.	2nd Lt.	11-29-18, T5-10-19	
Purcell, Clare	1st Lt.	11-23-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	
Ridgway, Hamlet C.	Major	8-19-18, T11-1-18	
Rinkliff, Fred E.	2nd Lt.	6-11-18, 1st Lt.	9-9-18, T4-25-19
Robinson, Daniel S.	2nd Lt.	9-16-18, Upton	
Sanborn, Walker A.	1st Lt.	6-11-18, T8-19-18	
Sanderson, Edward S.	2nd Lt.	9-16-18, T10-13-18	
Sanger, William C.	1st Lt.	11-27-18, Upton	
Sawyer, Wesley S.	2nd Lt.	8-2-18, T4-11-19	
Schmitt, Henry	2nd Lt.	8-4-18, W8-9-18	
Schnepp, Carroll D.	2nd Lt.	8-4-18, 1st Lt.	9-1-18, Grant
Schrauer, Maurice V.	2nd Lt.	8-4-18, K9-26-18	
Sheehy, Oliver J.	1st Lt.	11-27-18, T5-14-19	
Sherlock, J. P.	2nd Lt.	6-8-18, T8-26-18	
Sherwood, George S.	2nd Lt.	8-8-18, Grant	
Silverman, S.	2nd Lt.	8-1-18, T8-19-18	
Simpson, William E.	2nd Lt.	8-24-18, 1st Lt.	9-9-18, K11-9-18
Smith, Arthur J.	2nd Lt.	8-3-18, T8-5-18	

Name	Rank	Date Assigned	Changes
Spencer, John G.	2nd Lt.	6-11-18, W10-10-18	
Spencer, Walter	2nd Lt.	8-3-18, T8-5-18	
Staib, Carter J.	2nd Lt.	11-25-18, Sherman	
Storrs, Richard A.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18, 1st Lt.	9-9-18, W11-11-18
Swift, J. J.	2nd Lt.	7-30-18, T8-5-18	
Taritt, Isaac H.	2nd Lt.	12-4-18, Travis	
Thompson, Vester J.	Major	12-5-18, T12-27-18	
Thornburg, Robert S.	1st Lt.	6-21-18, Lee	
Tillson, Frank C.	2nd Lt.	8-8-18, Grant	
Tipton, Campbell G.	1st Lt.	1-28-19, Capt.	2-17-19, T5-10-19
Tishman, Louis	2nd Lt.	9-6-18, T4-11-19	
Walters, Denzil B.	1st Lt.	12-2-18, Capt.	4-27-19, Dodge
Wellbank, Harry	2nd Lt.	7-30-18, Upton	
Westman, Robert T.	2nd Lt.	8-3-18, W8-12-18	
Weyrick, Leroy	1st Lt.	10-29-18, Grant	
Whigham, Walter H.	Lt. Col.	10-30-18, T11-5-18	
White, John M.	2nd Lt.	11-27-18, 1st Lt.	4-27-19, Grant
Whitney, Francis W.	2nd Lt.	9-15-18, W10-11-18	
Wilson, Frank T.	2nd Lt.	7-31-18, T8-7-18	
Wilson, Milton E.	2nd Lt.	8-8-18, 1st Lt.	10-25-18, K11-10-18
Woodward, Evan A.	2nd Lt.	6-8-18, 1st Lt.	T8-30-18

CHAPTER XXI

ROSTERS OF COMPANY A

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY,
MAY 30, 1918. ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1386298	Ahlberg, Willard	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2067297	Duffy, James E.	Pvt.	W10-17-18
1386299	Aif, Alfred G.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2061262	Dunne, William F.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386300	Anderson, Elmer C.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	3386386	Durando, Anton	Pvt.	Grant
2061257	Anderson, Evald L.	Pvt.	K8-9-18	1386387	Durkin, Lawrence L.	Pvt.	S5-1-19
1386296	Anderson, Herbert E.	Bug.	Grant	1386389	Eaker, Walter M.	Pvt.	Grant
1386288	Anderson, Robert F.	Cpl.	Grant	1386390	Ellett, Roy	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1977916	Baker, Noah			1977955	Emrich, Arba O.	Pvt.	W11-10-18
		Pvt.	A. W. O. L. 5-1-19	2067226	Enright, Minard J.	Pvt.	Grant
1386301	Barry, Edward R.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2162342	Erickson, Arthur L.	Pvt.	S5-1-19
1376361	Battaglia, John	Pvt.	Grant	1386391	Falas, Mike	Pvt.	Grant
2061628	Belluomini, Alfred	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1386392	Falco, Joseph	Pvt.	Grant
2078871	Belsaw, John A.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1386311	Fardy, James D.	Pvt. 1cl.	K8-9-18
1386363	Beres, James	Pvt.	W10-25-18	1385271	Ferkins, Benjamin	Cpl.	K8-14-18
1376260	Berg, Robert A.	Sgt.	K8-9-18	1386264	Finnegan, Edward J.	Sgt.	Grant
1386364	Bernhardt, Joseph	Pvt.	K10-9-18	1386312	Foley, James P.	Pvt. 1cl.	W8-9-18
2162319	Berthiaume, Edward J.			1386393	Fontana, Giuseppe	Pvt.	K7-26-18
		Pvt.	Dodge	1386394	Frank, Bernhardt	Pvt.	Grant
1386365	Bielski, Albin	Pvt.	W8-13-18	1386313	Fredrich, Louis		
2067265	Blum, Lawrence P.	Pvt.	Grant			Pvt. 1cl.	W10-10-18
1386302	Bower, Herman, Jr.			1386296	Fries, Christian H.	Pvt.	Grant
		Pvt. 1cl.	S12-15-18	1386270	Ganchell, William H.	Sgt.	Grant
2061810	Boyle, Louis A.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1386292	Gardow, Alfred	Cook	Grant
2061622	Brening, Fred	Pvt.	Grant	1386316	Gerke, Walter G.	Pvt. 1cl.	K8-9-18
2067206	Bridges, Felix G.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1386398	Giamokas, Fotios	Pvt.	Grant
2061811	Bristle, Roy J.	Pvt.	Grant	1386399	Gill, James B.	Pvt.	Grant
1977563	Bronnenberg, Kenneth			1386317	Gill, Peter	Pvt. 1cl.	W10-10-18
		Pvt.	W8-13-18	1386253	Goekel, Richard M.		
2157934	Brown, Lex B.	Pvt.	S4-5-19			Mess Sgt.	Custer
2067293	Bubolz, Raymond T.	Pvt.	Grant	1386400	Goetz, George	Pvt.	S8-5-18
1386366	Bachman, Sam	Pvt.	K10-10-18	1386257	Griffith, Jesse B.	Sgt.	T4-18-19
1386254	Byron, John J.	Pvt.	Grant	1386280	Griffith, Roy	Cpl.	W10-10-18
1386368	Cameron, John F.	Pvt.	Grant	1386318	Gunn, George A.	Mech.	Grant
1386305	Cameron, John J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386319	Hagenauer, Harry F.		
2067215	Carlson, Arthur C.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant			Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386261	Casey, Walter M.	Sgt.	Grant	1386292	Hahney, Henry	Cpl.	K8-9-18
1386369	Casnovitz, Henry W.			2162609	Hansen, William	Pvt.	Dodge
		Pvt.	W10-17-18	2162859	Haraldson, Thomas	Pvt.	K8-9-18
1977946	Caudill, David D.	Pvt.	W8-11-18	1977701	Harvey, Albert Grayden		
1386370	Cavanaugh, Emmett					Pvt.	Sherman
		Pvt.	W8-14-18	1386404	Hayhurst, Floyd F.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386371	Cellos, Kingdon V.	Pvt.	Grant	1386405	Heldenwonger, Chas. J.	Pvt.	Grant
1386372	Charleston, Edward	Pvt.	K8-9-18	1386406	Hencinski, Konstanly	Pvt.	Grant
1386374	Ciacchio, Gasper	Pvt.	K10-3-18	1386407	Hogrefe, Herman	Pvt.	Grant
1386375	Cicchini, Michael	Pvt.	W11-10-18	2162193	Hovind, Arne K.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386576	Cien, Kaufman	Pvt.	Grant	1386409	Ipel, Tony	Pvt.	W8-10-18
1386267	Clark, Forrest M.	Cpl.	Grant	1386259	Johnson, Harold C.	Sgt.	Grant
2078873	Coleman, Walter E.	Pvt.	Grant	1386412	Johnson, William	Pvt.	Grant
1977948	Collier, Willie D.	Pvt.	Taylor	1978253	Jordan, Arthur	Pvt.	S8-14-18
1386272	Cook, Robert R.	Cpl.	Custer	1386323	Jurkanis, John D.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386578	Cook, William	Pvt.	Grant	1386413	Kabin, Max L.	Pvt.	Grant
1386307	Cozzens, Joseph W.	Cook	Grant	1386414	Kammerer, George F.	Pvt.	Grant
1386308	Curr, William	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386415	Kasprzak, Walter	Pvt.	Grant
1386382	DeBonis, Samuel	Pvt.	W8-11-18	2086575	Kasten, Christopher H.	Pvt.	Grant
2086908	Dellorto, Camron	Pvt.	Grant	2088793	Kaufman, Sarvatus J.	Pvt.	Grant
1386383	Demma, Anthony	Pvt.	Grant	2162625	Keating, Howard J.		
1397261	Denham, Francis S.	Pvt.	Grant			Pvt.	W10-10-18
2061643	Diedrich, John A.	Pvt.	Grant	1386275	Keats, Stacey	Cpl.	W8-9-18
1388384	Digioa, Archangelo	Pvt.	S10-25-18	1386324	Keckich, Thomas D.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386285	Dorband, Henry	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386256	Keefe, Ralph B.	Sgt.	Grant
1386309	Drouse, John	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2057302	Kenedy, Clifford	Cpl.	K8-9-18
				1386419	Kiburz, Alfred J.	Pvt.	Grant

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1386420	Kienapple, William J.	Pvt.	Grant	1386252	Pavey, Albert J.	Sp. Sgt.	T10-24-18
1386277	King, Frederick W.	Cpl.	W10-10-18	1977601	Prague, Chris A.	Pvt.	Sherman
1386423	Klau, Edmund K.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1386432	Pyczynski, Stephen	Pvt.	Grant
2086573	Kotowicz, Zygmunt	Pvt.	Grant	1978267	Rasmussen, Ray	Pvt.	W11-10-18
1386291	Krischack, George F.	Cook	Grant	1386342	Rigby, Walter G.	Pvt.	Grant
2163741	Kucher, John P.	Pvt.	T11-10-19	1386454	Riley, George	Pvt.	Grant
1386427	Lance, Harper E.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1386455	Ringos, Angnostas	Pvt.	Grant
1386438	Lander, Harry	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1386265	Rohr, Herbert J.	Cpl.	W11-10-18
1386278	Larsen, Frank	Pvt.	S12-20-18	1386456	Rol, Matwi	Pvt.	Grant
1386327	Leahy, David T.	Pvt. lcl.	W10-10-18	1386266	Rosner, John M.	Cpl.	Grant
1386430	Lescznski, Joseph T.	Pvt.	T1-15-19	1386345	Rottenberg, Samuel	Pvt. lcl.	K8-12-18
1386432	Libolt, Harry	Pvt.	W8-10-18	1386457	Russell, Howard C.	Pvt.	Grant
1386258	Librant, Harry C.	Sgt.	T10-24-18	1386343	Schmidt, Alfred W.	H.	Cpl.
1977586	Lowry, Colonel G.	Pvt.	Taylor	1386346	Schultz, Hugo M.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1386328	Lucas, Harry N.	Cpl.	Grant	1386269	Shuttack, William R.	Pvt.	W8-10-18
1386329	Lukasluk, G. L.	Pvt.	K8-9-18	1386460	Sherrill, Andrew	Pvt.	Grant
1386434	Lundin, Chas. C.	Pvt.	Grant	1386461	Siano, Consolato	Pvt.	Grant
2088376	Lundin, Richard O.	Pvt.	Grant	2067107	Sobyszewski, Stanley	Pvt.	Grant
1386284	Lyons, Stephen	Cpl.	Grant	1386465	Sokolowski, Andrew	Pvt.	W8-10-18
1386435	Maddox, Burnes M.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	1786466	Soldwisch, Fred W.	Pvt.	Grant
1386439	Malmrose, Harold E.	Cpl.	W8-10-18	1386467	Spayer, Thomas	Pvt.	Grant
2161604	McDonald, Joe	Pvt.	Dodge	1386468	Speck, Levi S.	Pvt. lcl.	Sherman
1386330	Maier, John J.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1976859	Stallman, Edward	Pvt.	Grant
1386436	Malenec, John J.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1386274	Stapleton, John T.	Cpl.	Grant
1386331	Malmrose, Duane II.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1386347	Stolarski, John J.	Pvt. lcl.	W8-10-18
1386332	Marthens, Bradley F.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1978006	Stump, Fred	Pvt.	Sherman
2161605	Martin, Chester A.	Pvt.	Dodge	1386472	Summers, Howard M.	Pvt.	SS-10-18
1386440	Maurici, Calofero	Pvt.	W10-11-18	2066921	Tamazauskos, Joseph	Pvt. lcl.	Grant
1386333	Mazzucchelli, Innocent	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1386281	Taylor, Leigh S.	Sgt.	S5-1-19
1386448	McHale, John A.	Pvt.	S1-19-19	1386475	Thome, Alfred W.	Pvt.	Grant
1978263	Meyer, Roy P.	Pvt.	Sherman	1386476	Thunberg, Erie	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1386334	Mielnicke, Frank	Pvt. lcl.	S5-1-19	1386477	Tomeczak, Joseph	Pvt.	Grant
1386335	Miller, Jack	Pvt. lcl.	W10-10-18	1386478	Tworek, Stanley M.	Pvt.	Grant
1386443	Minnett, Robert J.	Pvt.	W8-17-18	2162686	Vandel, Samuel W.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386444	Mitchell, Henry	Pvt.	Shelby	1386349	Vaghy, Frank	Pvt. lcl.	W10-10-18
1977472	Monroe, Charles M.	Pvt.	Sherman	1386479	Vaira, Joseph	Pvt.	K10-10-18
1386336	Montross, Lynn J.	Pvt. lcl.	W10-10-18	1386351	Wagner, George A.	Pvt. lcl.	W10-10-18
2161611	Mulvihill, Vincent H.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1165582	Walsh, Aloysius J.	Sgt.	T7-31-18
1386337	Nafe, Lee I.	Mech.	Grant	1386262	Walter, Gilbert C.	Cpl.	W8-9-18
1386338	Nel, Rud.	Pvt. lcl.	K10-2-18	2160816	Walz, Norbert W.	Cpl.	Dodge
1386445	Nesci, Amos	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1386275	Warren, John T.	Sgt.	T4-19-19
1386286	Neiman, Samuel N.	Cpl.	Grant	1386293	Watkun, Anton J.	Mech.	Grant
1978084	Nell, William	Pvt.	Sherman	2066981	Wawrzyniak, Joseph	Pvt.	Grant
1386339	Nelson, Oscar H.	Pvt.	W11-10-18	2162687	Weber, Edward L.	Pvt.	W11-9-18
1386251	Nolan, Robert J.	1st Sgt.	T7-25-18	1386265	Westcott, Melvin	Cpl.	W10-10-18
1386339	O'Brien, Daniel J.	Pvt. lcl.	SS-4-18	1386482	Weston, Clifford E.	Pvt.	Grant
1386349	O'Flaherty, Thomas	Pvt.	Grant	1386483	Wienlonski, John	Pvt.	W11-10-18
1386452	Ogden, Allan L.	Pvt.	Grant	1977862	Wiesse, Elmer	Pvt.	K8-9-18
1386340	Ohl, Rudolph W.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1977517	Willard, Othel D.	Pvt.	Sherman
1386446	O'Keefe, Dan C.	Pvt.	Grant	1386352	Wilson, Warren W.	Cpl.	Grant
1386490	O'Keefe, George	Pvt.	Grant	1386353	Wisdom, Pierce A.	Cpl.	K11-10-18
2162656	Olson, Oscar M.	Pvt.	Dodge	1386485	Woodward, Dickson A.	Cpl.	Grant
1386342	O'Toole, Herbert	Pvt.	W8-10-18	1386279	Woodward, Marcus	Cpl.	K10-10-18
1386447	Owen, Clayton T.	Cook	Grant	2162693	Yetmore, Andrew	Pvt.	Dodge
1386448	Painter, John	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1386486	Yurecki, William	Pvt.	W8-10-18
1386449	Papiauski, Joseph	Pvt.	W8-14-18	1386487	Zahareas, Stavros	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1386541	Parker, Howard F.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant				
1386450	Parks, Raymond C.	Pvt.	K8-16-18				

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED ORGANIZATION LATER IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1386354	Abruzzo, Sam	Pvt. lcl.	J6-14-18 Grant	1386310	Fairman, Samuel T.	Pvt. lcl.	J6-17-18 Grant
1386356	Anderson, Ernest R.	Pvt.	J6-14-18 Grant	1386417	Kennedy, Lester C.	Cpl.	J6-21-18 Grant
1386295	Clayton, Leonard C.	Sgt.	J6-14-18 Grant	1386283	Powers, Harry	1st Sgt.	J8-26-18 Grant
2061258	Cohen, Leo.	Pvt.	J6-19-18 Grant	1386294	Reynolds, Harold	Mech.	J6-15-18 Grant

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ROSTER OF SOLDIERS TRANSFERRED TO THE 131ST INFANTRY AFTER ARRIVAL IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
42759	Davis, George W.	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Fort D. A. Russell
1587871	Gordon, Thomas E.	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Pike
1373125	Hogue, Harley C.	Pvt. 1cl.	J12-18-18, T3-8-19

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1375128	Leffingwell, Harold W.	Pvt. 1cl.	J12-18-18, T3-8-19
1386470	Stapleton, James E.	Cpl.	J10-7-18, Grant
1385960	Wolf, Robert H.	Pvt.	J7-24-18, Grant

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2969178	Adkins, Gordon E.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Meade
2152709	Anderson, Arthur	Pvt.	J9-29-18, K11-10-18
3168272	Arbogast, John	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-10-18
2660564	Badowski, John	Pvt.	J9-29-18, S11-18-18
2967569	Baldwin, Wm. B.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-10-18
2873408	Barnhill, Clarence R.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3486663	Booth, Walther Irving	Cpl.	J9-29-18, Sherman
3170843	Brame, Lee T.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-10-18
3166679	Bray, Thomas H.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Lee
2649102	Breckenridge, Wilson	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Gordon
3500049	Brown, Joseph	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3486304	Bruce, James W.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-3-18
3168933	Cain, Lora J.	Pvt. 1cl.	J10-3-18, Lee
3171132	Carpenter, Villard A.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Meade
2868643	Carter, Alonzo	Pvt.	J10-3-18, K10-10-18
2567218	Carter, Harvie B.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-12-18
2969196	Cooper, Seeley, J.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Lee
3486117	Coppersmith, Edward A.	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Sherman
3169102	Cosby, Louis L.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Lee
2860237	Crabtree, Hershell	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3500462	Cunningham, Hascal	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
4250400	Davis, Joseph J.	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3485533	Dilger, Robert M.	Pvt. 1cl.	J10-3-18, Grant
3501051	Donoho, Loyal J.	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3356051	Dooris, Wm. . . .	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Dix
4251395	Dyar, Lem H.	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2872873	Earls, Alley B.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-10-18
3168965	Earls, Hugh D.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Lee
3167233	Eichler, Albert C.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S12-18-18
2868843	Ellenburg, Leroy	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3500256	Elliott, Miller	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3166894	Falatto, Clifford A.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-25-18
880447	Fay, John. . .	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Upton
2035743	Foreman, Sam	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Custer

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2662495	Fox, Elza J.	Cpl.	J9-29-18, Grant
3871385	Garner, Wm. D.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-10-18
2661618	Garner, Lloyd T.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant
3083929	Goldsmith, Jacob	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Dodge
3500089	Hale, Owen H.	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
1588864	Hamlin, Francis	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Pike
3500229	Harris, Robert F.	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3485707	Hlaves, Joseph	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Grant
2860334	Holeman, David G.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2315211	Horoschek, Peter	Pvt. 1cl.	J9-29-18, K10-10-18
3168975	Hunt, Horace L.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Gordon
2868379	Jenkins, Loyal	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2661551	Jiacono, Anton	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant
3489591	Johnston, John R.	Sgt.	J10-3-18, Sherman
3353745	Kane, James J.	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Dix
3485788	Kapling, Rudolph	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Grant
2968984	Kelly, Wm. F.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-12-18
1340978	Lott, James E.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Gordon
3487365	Ludwig, Walter C. W.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-10-18
2313268	Ludwig, John L.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Dix
3173182	Lynch, Chas. J.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, S5-1-19
1909494	May, Abraham	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Upton
3497162	McDonald, Thomas F.	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Gordon
3887629	Merollo, Giuseppe	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Upton
1944374	Montague, Frank	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-3-18
2259202	Nielson, Axel G.	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Fort D. A. Russell
3807710	Pepmuler, Martin	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Dodge
3500216	Prater, Otto	Pvt.	J11-15-18, S5-1-19
2157224	Reyant, Joseph E.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Dodge
2872875	Rice, Alfred W.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2062434	Rice, Michael	Pvt.	J7-23-18, Grant
3494563	Rollins, Roscoe	Pvt.	J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3332205	Russell, Marion			3494828	Tolley, Charles E.		
	Pvt., J11-15-18, Sherman				Pvt., J11-15-18, S5-1-19		
3258615	Savoir, Desponine			3494562	Ward, Charles B.		
	Pvt., J11-15-18, Shelby				Pvt., J11-15-18, T11-25-18		
3998270	Seibert, Levi			3490263	Williams, Guy		
	Pvt., J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe				Cpl., J9-29-18, Grant		
3500213	Selby, Josh L.			3088512	Wolfe, Chase E.		
	Pvt., J11-15-18, Ft. Oglethorpe				Pvt., J11-15-18, Taylor		
580954	Shafton, Ralph			3499101	Wood, Willie D.		
	Pvt. 1cl., J9-29-18, Upton				Pvt., J11-15-18, Gordon		
3197058	Sokolag, Irving			3799837	Woodruff, James M.		
	Pvt., J9-29-18, W10-10-18				Pvt., J11-15-18, S5-1-19		
3958902	Spencer, Jay W.			286922	Woodsmall, William M.		
	Pvt., J11-15-18, Dodge				Cpl., J9-29-18, Pike		

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ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY,
MAY 30, 1918. ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1387507	Adler, Joseph M.	Cpl.	W10-11-18	1386513	Fennerty, Alfred J.	Sgt.	T6-22-18
1386606	Ahlborg, Harold G.	Pvt.	K6-22-18	1977695	Ferguson, George B.	Pvt.	Sherman
1386549	Allen, William H.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1396759	Fichter, John H., Jr.	Pvt.	Grant
1386607	Anderson, Edward S.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386540	Francis, Charles	Bugler	K8-9-18
2087317	Anderson, William A.	Pvt.	Grant	2067267	Furfaro, Vinacezo	Pvt.	Grant
1386608	Aszudis, Steve	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2160380	Gamble, Roy T.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386523	Backstrom, Robert E.	Cpl.	K9-26-18	1386641	Genens, William	Pvt.	Grant
1386609	Baker, William H.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386642	George, Ebbie	Pvt.	Grant
2072675	Barnes, Everett L.	Pvt.	Dix	1386643	Gephart, Albert	Cook	Grant
1386510	Behrentz, Hilmar J.	Cpl.	K8-9-18	1386644	Gieras, Oscar	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386541	Bent, Frank F.	Cook	D2-22-19	1977959	Gilliam, Columbus	Pvt.	Taylor
1386612	Benter, Albert J.	Pvt.	W10-18-19	2160846	Gladitoch, Paul F.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386618	Benter, Joseph B.	Pvt.	Grant	1386564	Gleason, Thomas	Cpl.	S5-14-19
1386510	Berentz, Hilmar, Jr.	Sgt.	K8-9-18	2163742	Glockner, George H.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386611	Berg, Clyde W.	Pvt.	Grant	2163798	Gomoll, Arthur C.	Pvt.	W9-26-18
1386614	Bodkin, Arthur	Pvt.	AWOL 6-6-18	2161137	Goodridge, Charles	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1386517	Boswell, Lewis E.	Pvt.	S10-19-18	1386506	Goodwillie, Herrick	Sgt.	T10-13-18
1386621	Bresnahan, Maurice J.	Pvt.	Grant	1386557	Gordon, Bert	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386620	Bremer, Alfred	Pvt.	T12-24-18	2160677	Gorman, Jerome E.	Pvt.	Dodge
2088476	Briggs, Alfred B.	Pvt.	Grant	1386521	Gotch, Gerhard	Pvt.	Grant
1386550	Burke, Alfred F.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386534	Griesbaum, William C.	Cpl.	W8-12-18
1386532	Burkart, Edward J.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	1386647	Guest, Oliver G.	Pvt.	Grant
1386551	Burt, Victor C.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386503	Gunderson, Arthur J.	Sgt.	Grant
1977684	Bybee, Theodore	Pvt.	Sherman	2061827	Guy, Francis M.	Pvt.	T4-20-19
1386547	Callahan, Dennis J.	Mech.	K10-12-18	1386537	Halash, Charley	Cpl.	K8-19-18
1386695	Callahan, Jerry P.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1386565	Halvorsen, George G.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386606	Carlson, Carl O.	Pvt.	S11-21-18	2161369	Hanan, Ernest	Pvt.	Dodge
1386518	Carlstrom, Clarence E.	Cpl.	S9-23-18	2161148	Hanks, Joseph C.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1977867	Carroll, Walter	Pvt.	Taylor	2161156	Hansen, Luwl	Pvt.	Dodge
1386627	Coskowsky, Ignatz	Pvt.	K10-10-18	2160660	Hanson, Andrew	Pvt.	Dodge
1386552	Challman, Russell H.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2160853	Harder, Joseph C.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1386553	Chill, Edward A.	Pvt.	Grant	2160371	Hartmann, Jacob P.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386628	Coleman, Walter J.	Pvt.	Grant	2163831	Hawkinson, Ernest	Pvt.	Dodge
1977949	Collins, Robert	Pvt.	Taylor	2160856	Healey, Harry J.	Pvt.	K8-9-18
1386555	Collono, Pat	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1977964	Hebble, Richard B.	Pvt.	Sherman
1977498	Cotton, Robert	Pvt.	Sherman	1386566	Hecznicki, Edwards	Pvt. 1cl.	W10-10-18
1386535	Crandall, Royce J.	Cpl.	Grant	2061277	Herscovici, Berman	Pvt.	Grant
1386526	Davis, Frank G.	Cpl.	W10-19-18	2061269	Herschowitz, Max	Pvt.	Grant
1386556	Davy, James J.	Pvt. 1cl.	W8-9-18	1386524	Hess, Allen B.	Cpl.	W8-9-18
1386546	Dionar, Ethan	Pvt.	Grant	1386548	Hess, John D.	Pvt. 1cl.	T6-20-18
1386560	Dixon, Roy T.	Cpl.	Grant	1386650	Hickerson, Byron A.	Pvt.	K8-12-18
1386527	Doherty, Richard M.	Cpl.	W8-9-18	2160861	Hillgren, Harvey A.	Pvt.	W10-11-18
2067223	Doland, George	Pvt.	Sherman	1386569	Hofmann, Fred E.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386633	Drury, George	Pvt.	W10-19-18	1386516	Holmer, Dellaye	Cpl.	S4-22-19
1386634	Dubridge, Leslie S.	Pvt.	Grant	2161314	Horton, Oliver C.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386626	Dunbar, William P.	Pvt.	S10-18-18	1386525	Howard, Robert P.	Cpl.	W8-9-18
1973712	Dvorak, Joseph G.	Pvt.	Grant	1386571	Huxham, LeRoy E.	Cpl.	Grant
2061608	Dyer, Charles P.	Pvt.	W8-12-18	2061633	Ireland, Earl W.	Pvt.	K8-9-18
2078874	Economos, Constantine D.	Pvt.	Grant	2088553	Isdell, John E.	Pvt.	Grant
2161175	Enius, Arthur M.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1386654	Jackson, Carl A.	Pvt.	Grant
2078875	Enroth, Edward D.	Pvt.	Grant	1386532	Jacobs, Harry J.	Cpl.	S5-12-19
2163735	Erickson, Henry D.	Pvt.	Dodge	2160868	Johnson, Emil W.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386562	Erickson, Roy	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386573	Johns, Ray M.	Pvt. 1cl.	W8-9-18
1375119	Evans, Edward	Pvt.	W10-10-18	1386574	Johnson, Arthur H.	Pvt. 1cl.	W10-10-18
1386563	Fairfield, Frank J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386656	Johnson, Frank A.	Pvt. 1cl.	W8-9-18
1386638	Fassino, Dominick	Pvt.	Grant	1386661	Johnson, Gustave L.	Pvt.	Grant

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2978948	Johnson, Henry W.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	1977709	Palubski, Anton S.	Pvt.	W10-19-18
1386530	Johnson, Oscar H.	Cpl.	W10-24-18	1386690	Paoletta, Guiseppe	Pvt.	W8-15-18
1386504	Johns, Swan E.	Sgt.	Grant	1978266	Parker, Harvey	Pvt.	Sherman
1977883	Johnson, Virgil	Pvt.	Grant	1386501	Peterkin, John T.	Sgt.	T8-5-18
1386575	Jolly, Rion N.	Pvt.	Grant	1386508	Peterson, Van Walker	Pvt.	Grant
2088656	Jones, Ray D.	Pvt.	Grant	1386691	Petty, Willard D.	Pvt.	K10-10-18
1386657	Jusces, Anton	Pvt.	86-19-18	2161425	Phughaupt, Alfred L.	Pvt.	W8-10-18
2061303	Kaufman, Benjamin	Pvt.	T6-20-18	1386695	Pike, William H.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1386660	Kejle, Irwin W.	Pvt.	W8-19-18	1386605	Plante, William J.	Pvt.	Grant
1386682	Kettering, James B.	Pvt.	K8-9-18	1366587	Polteveque, John L.	Pvt. 1cl.	W8-9-18
1386539	Knill, Sam	Bugler	Grant	1386701	Prescott, Fred O.	Cpl.	Grant
1386664	Knirke, John	Pvt.	Grant	1386704	Quinn, John	Pvt.	K8-9-18
2158417	Kobbe, Frank J.	Pvt.	Dodge	1165570	Reid, Werter V.	Sgt.	T9-4-18
2078831	Korte, Otto	Pvt.	Grant	1395345	Rhode, George J.	Pvt.	S10-16-18
2067288	Kreuger, Arthur	Pvt.	W10-10-18	1977605	Rice, James B.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1386670	Kravich, Smajo	Pvt.	Grant	1386514	Riley, Charles J.	Pvt.	Grant
1386671	Krychena, Mike	Pvt.	Grant	1366515	Rivers, Louis R.	Sgt.	Grant
2061833	Kroschel, Albert J.	Pvt.	K10-10-18	1386502	Rochfort, James J.	Sgt.	Grant
2061305	Kuntz, Edwin C.	Pvt.	Grant	2061784	Rosell, William E.	Pvt.	K10-10-18
2160345	Kyle, Cecil F.	Pvt.	K10-10-18	1386590	Rowell, John P.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1977578	Laird, Harry	Pvt.	Sherman	1386708	Rudolph, Artie L.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1386533	Lakeberg, Arthur W.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	1386499	Ruth, Linus C.	1st Sgt.	W8-9-18
2161327	Lamar, Armand J.	Pvt.	T5-13-19	1977611	Schafer, Anthony	Pvt.	W8-10-18
2161077	Lamnitz, Charles	Pvt.	S4-22-19	1977928	Schier, Henry W.	Pvt.	W8-12-18
2161327	Langer, John E.	Pvt.	W9-26-18	1386592	Schmidt, George	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2159159	Lano, Leonard	Pvt.	W8-9-18	2088048	Schultz, Arthur P.	Pvt.	Grant
1386674	Larson, Arthur A.	Pvt.	Grant	2160604	Sherman, Dewitte O.	Pvt.	S11-11-18
2160625	Larson, Arvid	Pvt.	S9-6-18	1386711	Silhavy, Frank C.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
2157410	Larson, Freeman A.	Pvt.	Dodge	13867	Smith, Eugene G.	Pvt.	Grant
2157158	Larson, Laurence	Pvt.	Dodge	1396593	Soderholm, Bliss M.	Pvt. 1cl.	S9-6-18
1386675	Laubner, John L.	Pvt.	Grant	1976525	Stanton, Oscar W.	Pvt.	Grant
1386577	Lemm, George W.	Cpl.	Grant	2961799	Steger, Raymond W.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
2157157	Ludschner, Leo L.	Pvt.	Dodge	1386529	Stewart, Walter	Cpl.	Grant
1386677	Lenmark, Rudolph C.	Pvt.	K10-10-18	1386718	Stockman, Martin	Pvt.	W8-10-18
1386778	Levandowski, Frank	Pvt.	Grant	1376144	Swanson, Pev V.	Pvt.	Grant
1386681	Levandowski, Joseph B.	Pvt.	Grant	2161173	Sward, Richard	Pvt.	Dodge
1386542	Lindsey, Howard T.	Mess Sgt.	Grant	1977798	Teeters, Francis E.	Pvt.	Sherman
1386578	Lindsey, Robert W.	Pvt. 1cl.	S5-13-19	1386720	Terford, Arthur C.	Pvt.	S10-14-18
1386547	Link, Monroe E.	Sp. Sgt.	W8-13-18	1386520	Threde, Harry R.	Cpl.	W8-12-18
1386579	Lowery, John P.	Cpl.	T11-14-18	1386595	Trimmer, Harley A.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2061620	McCarthy, John L.	Pvt.	Grant	1386528	Van Zeveren, Henry A.	Cpl.	W8-12-18
1386582	McFadden, Patrick J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386723	Vaights, Otto	Pvt.	T12-24-18
1397469	McIntosh, Edwin J.	Pvt.	W10-19-18	2159230	Wagner, John	Pvt.	Dodge
1386583	McQuaid, Frank	Mech.	Grant	2158483	Wagner, Harry A.	Pvt.	Grant
1386580	Mance, Stephen N.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1978276	Wantland, George A.	Pvt.	Sherman
1386581	Marshall, Joseph	Pvt. 1cl.	W10-10-18	1386727	Wedrall, Edward B.	Pvt.	Grant
1977591	Meade, James	Pvt.	Taylor	1386597	Weiberg, Fred C.	Cpl.	K8-9-18
2559369	Means, Clark L.	Pvt.	Grant	1386731	Weibrowski, Felix	Pvt.	Grant
1386682	Mecum, George C.	Pvt.	Grant	1386728	Weinberg, Jacob	Pvt.	Meade
2157423	Meir, Henry M.	Pvt.	Dodge	1386598	Weis, Otto	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2067261	Merkel, Arthur	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1386729	Welbourn, William A.	Pvt.	Grant
2076955	Meurice, Arthur	Pvt.	W10-10-18	2159982	Wernsman, Joseph F.	Pvt.	Dodge
1977592	Miller, Ernest	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1977516	Wessling, Henry W.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1386531	Mills, Frank L.	Cpl.	Grant	1386730	White, Henry	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1386584	Monzel, Hubert A.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2159231	Whittier, Walter F.	Pvt.	T7-11-18
1386519	Murray, William W.	Cpl.	Grant	1386599	Whitty, John J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386585	Nelson, Bert J.	Pvt. 1cl.	T4-24-19	1386731	Wibroski, Felix	Pvt.	Grant
1386586	Neuman, Frank L.	Pvt. 1cl.	W9-26-18	2088028	Wochel, Amos P.	Pvt.	Grant
1386686	Norman, Charles J.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1386600	Wolf, Arthur	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386522	Olson, Arthur N.	Pvt.	Grant	1386602	Young, Frank	Pvt. 1cl.	W8-11-18
2076836	Olson, Matt E.	Pvt.	Grant	1386604	Zach, Frank J.	Pvt. 1cl.	W10-18-18
2160566	Olson, Walter	Pvt.	W8-9-18	2088085	Zaja, John	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
				1386605	Ziemer, John	Pvt.	T5-21-19
						Pvt. 1cl.	Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS
REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3171509	Altmiller, Harry E.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Dix	2661376	Anderson, Clare E.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Grant
2661996	Amm, Gustav	Pvt. 1cl.	J10-2-18, Sherman	2968809	Asbury, Edrin	Pvt. 1cl.	J11-16-18, Meade

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3171120	Bailey, William A.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Meade
3497121	Batchler, Chester	Pvt. 1cl.	J11-16-18, Gordon
3802260	Bode, George	Pvt. 1cl.	J11-16-18, Dodge
3173547	Bonnale, Antonio	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Dix
3501184	Brewton, Pherris	Pvt. 1cl.	J10-16-18, Gordon
2869401	Brock, John F.	Pvt. 1cl.	J9-29-18, Pike
3092206	Broom, Robert	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon
2815121	Brotkowski, Frank	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Grant
2299621	Budinasera, Frank	Pvt.	J10-2-18, W10-10-18
3802918	Burns, Joseph A.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Pike
2299679	Calabro, Lee	Pvt. 1cl.	J10-2-18, Devens
3500488	Cornelson, John T.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3174897	Crites, Howard C.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Meade
3486148	Davidson, Porter A.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon
3803251	Degroot, John	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Dodge
2299760	Deporter, Clement	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Devens
2315246	Dunlevey, James V.	Cpl.	J10-2-18, K12-12-18
2299701	Earle, Michael	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Upton
3500437	Edwards, Ernest A.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3171806	Elmquist, Fritz W.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W8-10-18
2299709	Ennius, John	Pvt.	J10-2-18, K10-10-18
2451549	Enock, Jerome P.	Pvt. 1cl.	J11-16-18, Upton
3500600	Estep, Joe	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3095894	Faulkner, Edwin	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Pike
2299713	Fisher, Joseph	Pvt. 1cl.	J10-2-18, Devens
3494862	Ford, Charles	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3171168	Frazier, Charles	Pvt.	J11-16-18, S11-11-18
3355691	Gallant, Leon	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-10-18
2299621	Gambino, Joseph	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Devens
2968847	Gandes, Hoat	Pvt.	J10-2-18, W10-19-18
3499708	Gartiner, Eugene	Pvt.	J10-2-18, AWOL11-6-18
3168968	Gibson, John F.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Lee
3168679	Gill, Henry	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Lee
3499868	Gillespie, Carter	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3171171	Gillespie, Lewis	Pvt.	J10-2-18, K10-10-18
3499708	Glaze, Eugene	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3485676	Goggins, Walter	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Grant
3189079	Goodwin, Tom W.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Lee
3483737	Gosell, William E.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, S10-22-18
2661391	Gramer, Frank E.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant
3500295	Gray, Arthur	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3400099	Gray, Horace G.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3486409	Grey, Curtis W.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Gordon
3486273	Groves, Carl W.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon
3457037	Gummer, Robert	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2866640	Hailes, Porter G.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Shelby
3169081	Hague, Everett W.	Pvt. 1cl.	J10-2-18, Lee
3485615	Hall, Clarence	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Sherman
3500267	Hall, Oscar	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2793802	Hall, John W.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, S11-2-18
3486122	Hanke, Theodore	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-10-18
3485585	Harlow, Earl W.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Grant
3265778	Harrington, Elbert	Pvt.	Pike
3497125	Harrison, Willie J.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon
2872671	Harris, Net	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3356339	Hasecoatey, Adam	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Sherman
3485730	Hay, Lawrence	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Sherman
3186717	Haynes, Lubie T.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Gordon
3499968	Haynie, Felix N.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3806198	Hemmingsen, Carl J.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Dodge
3485012	Hodge, Joseph H.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Sherman
3170398	Holden, Lester	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Dix
2869201	Holland, John C.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Pike
3485669	Holmes, Philip	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Grant
2662037	Hopping, Thomas	Pvt.	J10-2-18, S10-19-18
3486394	Hooper, Jewell B.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Gordon
2299493	Houston, James	Pvt.	J10-2-18, W10-10-18
3169009	Hudson, Robert	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-10-18
2299544	Hulsinger, August	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Dix
3497317	Jackson, Otis	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon
3774874	Johnson, Thomas	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Grant
3170786	Jones, Percy H.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, K10-10-18
2296929	Juckett, Harry J.	Pvt. 1cl.	J10-2-18, Devens
3992206	Kearnes, James A.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3179617	Keffer, Geo. W.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, W10-10-18
2867484	Kendrick, Clyde	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3485674	Kirt, Frank S.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Grant
3501066	Kirkland, Edward	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon
1587700	Kirksey, Gordon	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Pike
1658640	Knolton, Domicick	Pvt.	J10-2-18, S12-12-18
2315217	Knox, David T.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, S12-7-18
4000289	Konenkamp, Herman H.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Dodge
3957838	Lavalley, Clifford E.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. D. A. Russell
3957712	Lee, Harry	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. D. A. Russell
2315217	Leddy, Francis	Pvt. 1cl.	J10-2-18, Upton

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3497147	Little, Grover C.			2661189	Sartini, Eugene		
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon			Pvt.	J11-16-18, Grant
2157413	Looft, Walter M.			3253779	Scarborough, Dow		
		Pvt.	J7-23-18, K8-9-18			Pvt.	J11-16-18, Shelby
3959137	Loneman, Frank			4007069	Shilling, McKinley H.		
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Dodge			Pvt.	J11-16-18, Dodge
2297548	Lorenz, Andrew			3497177	Shielos, Willie		
		Pvt. 1cl.	J9-29-18, Dix			Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon
3956925	Lyng, Fred. G.			3497066	Smith, Colle S.		
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Dodge			Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon
3265975	McCune, Charles B.			2299809	Staneanelli, Wits		
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Shelby			Pvt.	J10-2-18, Upton
1553442	McDough, James O.			3957093	Swanson, Aldin		
		Pvt. 1cl.	J11-16-18, Taylor			Pvt.	J11-16-18, Dodge
3496904	Maddox, James C.			1386722	Tremackiewicz, Andrew		
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon			Pvt.	J7-23-18, W10-10-18
2299553	Malolson, Joseph			3500603	Turner, Robert L.		
		Pvt.	J10-2-18, S10-19-18			Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
1521749	Moran, Willie.			2187206	Tyson, Ira D.		
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Lee			Pvt.	J10-2-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3409795	Mouchett, Reginald			2035896	Wais, Max. Pvt., J11-16-18, Custer		
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon	2361839	Wallish, Anton		
3497344	Oniel, Thomas					Pvt.	J10-2-18, Sherman
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon	3801909	Walker, Wallace		
4395568	Oxandine, Jesse					Pvt.	J11-16-18, Dodge
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	2187056	Weber, Adolph		
3958093	Paulson, Palmer A.					Pvt.	J10-2-18, Pike
		Pvt.	J10-2-18, Dodge	2299886	Weston, Walter		
1931829	Payne, Joseph E.					Pvt.	J10-2-18, Upton
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon	2868658	Wilson, Robert		
3959707	Peterson, Alfred J.					Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Dodge	3499223	Wood, Clifton Isaac		
3500601	Peterson, Robert					Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Upton	2299839	Wynott, Ross		
3258437	Rougene, Osbourne					Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-19-18
		Mech.	J11-16-18, Shelby	3494804	Valentine, Lee		
3059164	Sandman, William J.					Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
		Pvt.	J11-16-18, Dodge	2660523	Zajicek, James		
						Pvt.	J11-16-18, Sherman

CHAPTER XXIII

ROSTERS OF COMPANY C

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY,
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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2061627	Abendroth, Henry H.	Pvt.	Grant	1977573	Gallamore, Wiley	Pvt.	Sherman
1386798	Andreason, Omar			2159131	Gentz, Arthur E.	Pvt.	Dodge
		Pvt.	1cl, D10-18-18	1386762	Gieck, Edgar F.	Pvt.	Cpl, Grant
1386861	Angola, Vincenzo	Pvt.	S10-21-18	2061782	Glasson, William C.	Pvt.	Grant
1386862	Arrivi, Guiseppe	Pvt.	1cl, T4-6-19	1165588	Gottwald, Robert M.	Pvt.	Grant
1386779	Baptisti, Charles O.	Cpl.	Grant	1386816	Graziani, Samuel	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387781	Barger, Bion D.	Cpl.	W7-4-18	1386744	Guy, Harry L.	1st Sgt.	S9-20-18
1385863	Bark, Charles C.	Pvt.	Custer	2159136	Haessly, Harry J.	Pvt.	KS-10-18
2064662	Bendl, Charles J.	Pvt.	W7-4-18	2061607	Hagstrom, David V.	Pvt.	S2-5-19
1386753	Bernier, Frank H.	Sgt.	Grant	2157703	Hajfeldt, Tage	Pvt.	S1-31-19
2061292	Bernstein, Meyer	Pvt.	Grant	1386890	Hall, Zeal	Pvt.	Grant
1386799	Beystehner, Edward			2159650	Haltgren, Hilding	Pvt.	Dodge
		Pvt.	1cl, Grant	2158889	Hample, Harry E.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386769	Bradley, Milford E.	Cpl.	S10-10-18	2159139	Haugen, Louis J.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386750	Brown, Joseph	Sgt.	Grant	1978250	Harron, Harry L.	Pvt.	WT-4-18
1386801	Bryant, Eugene	Pvt.	1cl, Grant	1386987	Hawkins, Phillip	Pvt.	WS-14-18
1386868	Bublis, Frank D.	Pvt.	WS-10-18	2159874	Hecht, Charles G.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386802	Burdick, Elmer E.			1386768	Helm, Henry	Cpl.	Grant
		Pvt.	1cl, S10-10-18	2158899	Hill, James E.	Pvt.	W7-4-18
1386869	Caravello, Carl	Pvt.	S12-8-18	1386770	Hoag, Richard	Cpl.	Grant
2159493	Card, Myrlin	Pvt.	S11-28-18	1386758	Hobschied, Paul	Cpl.	Grant
1386870	Carlson, Carl A.	Pvt.	Grant	2157095	Hogenson, Clarence M.	Pvt.	Dodge
1387685	Carpenter, Fred E.	Pvt.	Sherman	1386818	Holsten, Edward A.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1397429	Christian, John J.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	1386783	Hunn, Fred D.	Cpl.	WS-15-18
1386873	Chwatal, Edward	Pvt.	Grant	1386759	Hunter, Gilbert	Cpl.	S10-4-18
1977868	Clark, Howell G.	Pvt.	WS-10-18	1386819	Hymmer, William O.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1386804	Collins, William J., Jr.			1386754	Iverson, Roy K.	Sgt.	W7-4-18
		Cpl.	SS-15-18	2156722	Jager, Eli	Pvt.	Dodge
1977664	Cook, Herley A.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	2061278	Jakutis, Frank A.	Pvt.	Grant
1386805	Countakis, Costas	Pvt.	1cl, Grant	1386820	Jankowski, Joseph		
2158865	Coyle, Mike	Pvt.	Dodge			Pvt.	1cl, S10-5-18
1386803	Crecelius, Robert L.	Cook	Grant	2156723	Jasper, James M.	Pvt.	S-11-11-18
2061819	David, George F.	Pvt.	WS-9-18	1386780	Jewell, Raymond G.	Cpl.	W7-4-18
1386749	Decker, Harry F.	Sgt.	T10-15-18	2156725	Johnson, Fred W.	Pvt.	T1-30-19
1386986	Deering, Frank J.	Pvt.	Grant	1977975	Johnson, Ira C.	Pvt.	Lee
1386806	Deha, Michael	Pvt.	1cl, W7-4-18	1386822	Karkovsky, Michael	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1386807	Dempster, John W.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant	1386756	Kase, Fred	Sgt.	T7-23-18
2157688	Desmond, William H.	Pvt.	Grant	1386917	Kaufman, Gordon	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1386808	Dietrickson, Elyring H.			1386898	Kawiecki, Alexander	Pvt.	Grant
		Pvt.	1cl, Grant	2061831	Kelley, Harold R.	Pvt.	Grant
2157899	Dirks, Cornelius E.	Pvt.	WS-10-18	2061266	Kelley, Thomas J.	Pvt.	S10-18-18
1386876	Dixon, William	Pvt.	Grant	2065225	Kirchner, George W.	Pvt.	WS-26-18
1386883	Dlyowski, Joseph	Pvt.	W10-10-18	2061634	Kiriacou, James A.	Pvt.	Grant
1386880	Drew, Mike	Pvt.	SS-28-18	1386824	Kirschenbaum, Joseph		
1386796	Drisch, Edward S.	Sgt.	K9-26-18			Pvt.	1cl, S7-12-18
1387771	Duffy, Owen P.	Cpl.	W10-10-18	2061605	Kohler, George H.	Pvt.	Grant
1386810	Eagan, James J.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant	1386825	Kollitz, Leonard	Pvt.	S10-12-18
1386811	Edison, Herbert E.			2159692	Kortum, Joseph A.	Pvt.	Dodge
		Pvt.	1cl, T10-1-18	1386827	Korzeniowski, Eugene		
2061602	Elsner, Walter M.	Pvt.	Grant			Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1386886	Engels, Leonard W.	Pvt.	Grant	1386793	Kragh, Frank O.	Mech.	Grant
1397435	Englehart, Fred J.	Pvt.	Grant	2158916	Lane, John W.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386812	Felter, Lloyd E.	Pvt.	1cl, T12-5-18	2158997	Langord, Arthur P.	Pvt.	S3-18-18
1386784	Felter, Pursell E.	Cpl.	Grant	2061797	Larson, Edwin L.	Pvt.	Grant
1386813	Fett, George R.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant	1386909	Larson, Paul G.	Pvt.	Grant
1386774	Fields, James C.	Cpl.	WS-10-18	1386746	Lauferski, Stanley R.		
1386814	Flynn, Howard B.					Sp. Sgt.	W10-10-18
		Pvt.	1cl, T10-15-18	2157107	Lawlor, Ambrose M.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386788	Fogg, Neal G.	Cook	Grant	1386747	Lawrence, Joseph B.	Sgt.	Grant
1977852	Foster, Floyd	Pvt.	Sherman	1386795	Leaf, Oscar E.	Mech.	Grant
2061296	Galante, Victor	Pvt.	S10-17-18	2159420	Leighton, Lorain E.	Pvt.	Dodge

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1387775	Lieberman, Nathan	Cpl.	Grant	1395348	Ryan, Reland V.	Pvt.	WS-10-18
1386763	Lord, George W.	Sgt.	Grant	1977609	St. Clair, Paul	Pvt.	Sherman
1977703	Loudenback, John E.	Pvt.	SS-18-18	1386846	Salovesh, Harry	Pvt.	1cl., Grant
1386832	McCann, John F.	Cpl.	Grant	2061790	Sandberg, Joseph K.	Pvt.	Grant
1386833	McCawley, Tipton H.	Pvt.	1cl., Grant	1386950	Sanders, George I.	Pvt.	S10-10-18
1386915	McNally, Edward J.	Pvt.	1cl., Grant	1386847	Sarnowski, Philip I.	Pvt.	1cl., Grant
1386916	McNichols, James A.	Pvt.	WS-10-18	1386848	Schallinger, Bernard	Pvt.	1cl., W9-26-18
1386760	Magner, Harold S.	Cpl.	Grant	1978271	Schiewer, Alfred H.	Pvt.	Sherman
2159432	Mahler, Fred L.	Pvt.	Dodge	1386755	Scholes, William	Sgt.	Grant
1388831	Marks, Lawrence	Pvt.	1cl., W9-26-18	1978183	Schroeder, Carl J.	Pvt.	W9-26-18
2061614	Marth, Adolph J.	Pvt.	Grant	2061615	Schultz, Alfred	Pvt.	Grant
1978211	Masterson, Verne H.	Pvt.	Sherman	1386953	Schweiding, Carl J.	Pvt.	W7-4-18
1977524	Mathews, Elgy	Pvt.	Sherman	2064679	Sheffus, Henry	Pvt.	W7-4-18
2158923	Maxwell, William M.	Pvt.	Dodge	2158227	Severson, Henry O.	Pvt.	Grant
2156797	Meer, William	Pvt.	W7-4-18	1386955	Shimko, Demostene	Pvt.	K8-10-18
2159174	Meyers, Peter	Pvt.	Dodge	2061803	Shelton, Charles F., Jr.	Pvt.	Grant
1386834	Mezydlo, Felix L.	Pvt.	1cl., W10-10-18	1386849	Shunway, Howard E.	Pvt.	1cl., K8-15-18
1386835	Miller, John H.	Cpl.	W10-10-18	1386956	Silvestri, Vincenzo	Pvt.	Grant
2159176	Moer, Peter	Pvt.	Dodge	1386957	Simonton, John C.	Pvt.	Grant
1386757	Morrison, Isaac F.	Sgt.	T7-23-18	2156784	Slater, Henry L.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386752	Moulton, Ralph I.	Sgt.	T6-18-18	1386960	Slotowski, Frank	Pvt.	Grant
2156742	Mosby, Glenn G.	Pvt.	TS-28-18	1978005	Smith, Paris	Pvt.	Taylor
2065232	Multello, Argostino	Pvt.	S4-1-19	2158231	Sorenson, Henry C.	Pvt.	K8-15-18
1386836	Munk, Arthur J.	Pvt.	1cl., Grant	2156168	Sorenson, Joseph	Pvt.	Dodge
1386921	Munnin, Andrew	Pvt.	Grant	1386964	Sprotte, Robert H., Jr.	Pvt.	S4-1-19
2158677	Nelson, Olaf	Pvt.	Dodge	1976861	Steele, Louis E.	Pvt.	Grant
2061283	Nese, Michael	Pvt.	Grant	1400859	Stevens, Roy	Pvt.	S11-28-18
2061795	Nielson, Holger H.	Pvt.	Grant	1386966	Stokes, Harry	Pvt.	W9-26-18
1386924	Off, Albert	Pvt.	Grant	1386967	Streibberger, Charles A.	Pvt.	Grant
1386637	Olson, Carl O.	Pvt.	1cl., S10-5-18	1386745	Sullenberger, Fred P.	Mess Sgt.	T5-10-19
2159447	Olson, Sam	Pvt.	Dodge	2061638	Sullivan, Edmund R.	Pvt.	Grant
1386792	Oman, Lloyd	Mech.	S4-25-19	2065151	Swanson, John C.	Pvt.	Grant
1386838	O'Rourke, James J.	Cpl.	W11-10-18	2061850	Sweeney, Thomas J.	Pvt.	W7-4-18
2067235	Papaconou, Demetri G.	Pvt.	Grant	2158477	Swenson, Axel A.	Pvt.	Dodge
1977983	Parker, George	Pvt.	W9-26-18	2065246	Toepper, George W.	Pvt.	Grant
2059182	Paterka, Roman	Pvt.	Grant	1386850	Tufford, Carl S.	Cpl.	Grant
2061314	Patrick, John	Pvt.	Grant	1386851	Tunison, John L.	Pvt.	1cl., Grant
2061265	Patrick, Paul	Pvt.	Grant	1387782	Utt, Alphonsus	Cpl.	Grant
1386791	Paul, Lawrence W.	Cook	Grant	1386974	Vanbeck, Fred L.	Pvt.	Grant
1386928	Paulanski, William	Pvt.	Grant	1386852	Van-Bergen, Peter	Pvt.	1cl., Grant
1386970	Pearson, Otto	Pvt.	Grant	2158479	Veach, Edward	Pvt.	Dodge
2157219	Peebles, Noah F.	Pvt.	Dodge	1386778	Wagenseller, Dean	Cpl.	Grant
1386931	Peterson, August	Pvt.	Grant	2061639	Walsh, John J.	Pvt.	S7-28-18
1386765	Petersen, Edward	Cpl.	S4-25-19	2156808	Warren, Glen M.	Pvt.	Dodge
2078958	Petersen, Wilbert J.	Pvt.	Grant	1386854	Warrus, Joseph A.	Cpl.	Grant
1386764	Phelps, Chester	Cpl.	Ft. D. A. Russell	1386776	Waters, James L.	Cpl.	Grant
1386767	Philbin, John A.	Cpl.	Grant	1386775	Webb, Raymond L.	Cpl.	W10-10-18
1386933	Philibosiani, Sarkis	Pvt.	WS-10-18	1386766	Weil, Irwin E.	Cpl.	Grant
1388438	Piasecki, Maxmillian A.	Pvt.	T11-28-18	2158238	Weldon, Mark	Pvt.	Dodge
1386935	Pisknowicz, Adam	Pvt.	Grant	1386977	Whaley, Roland F.	Pvt.	Grant
1977602	Prater, Newt	Pvt.	W10-10-18	1386855	Wiberg, Albin	Cpl.	Grant
2064673	Prochaska, Albert	Pvt.	Grant	2158751	Wilkinson, Fred C.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386777	Reece, Howard L.	Sgt.	Grant	1386856	Wilkinson, Richard J.	Pvt.	1cl., Grant
2158454	Reiling, Lawton A.	Pvt.	Dodge	1386857	Williams, Orlando	Pvt.	1cl., W8-9-18
1386841	Renc, Edward	Pvt.	1cl., Grant	2159236	Wold, Leonard	Pvt.	Dodge
1386842	Rickard, Earl B.	Pvt.	T5-10-19	1386859	Worden, Alex	Pvt.	1cl., K10-10-18
1977711	Roberts, Harlan A.	Pvt.	Sherman	1978278	Worthing, Albert J.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1386943	Rock, Frank J.	Pvt.	Grant	2159239	Yarske, Willie	Pvt.	W10-10-18
2064677	Roscow, John	Pvt.	Grant	2157683	Young, William J.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1386785	Rowe, Harold W.	Cpl.	T5-10-19	1386789	Zaleski, Walenty K. K.	Cook	Grant
1386844	Ruskavage, John A.	Pvt.	1cl., S10-18-18	1386984	Zappa, Steve	Pvt.	Grant
1386845	Ryan, John H.	Pvt.	1cl., Grant				

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED ORGANIZATION LATER IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY C.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2158857	Brown, Morrow A.	Pvt.	1cl., J7-12-18, Grant	1386840	Pattison, Norman	Pvt.	1cl., J7-12-18, Grant
2061649	Meyer, Charles L.	Pvt.	J7-12-18, SS-23-18	1386843	Riddle, Floyd W.	Pvt.	1cl., J7-12-18, Grant
2067236	Papathomas, Stanros	Pvt.	J7-12-18, Grant	1396346	Robbins, Malvern	Pvt.	J7-12-18, W9-26-18

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED 131ST INFANTRY AFTER ARRIVAL IN FRANCE AS REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY C.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2427327	Aronoff, Louis	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Sherman	3355929	Hall, Morton E.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Sherman
3486559	Baur, Victor R.	Sgt.	J9-29-18, S10-10-18	2969119	Handley, Clyde C.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, W10-12-18
1386790	Blum, Leo.	Pvt. 1cl.	J7-12-18, Grant	3174751	Henney, Patrick O.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Dix
2661278	Branigan, Joseph P.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Grant	3485934	Horton, Floyd W.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, W10-12-18
2431280	Breitman, Jacob	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Sherman	2968852	Huffman, Clem E.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Meade
3486522	Brown, James A.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-18-18	3171149	Huning, Carl.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Meade
2969026	Carpenter, Chas. C.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, W10-2-18	3171296	Ingledeu, Raymond E.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-12-18
2069042	Cassell, Edward	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Meade	560314	Jelach, Thomas	Cpl.	J9-29-18, D4-22-19
2969032	Cassell, Robert	Pvt.	J10-2-18, W10-12-18	380309	Kurtz, Frederick A.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Upton
2661384	Crain, Ruben C.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant	3175249	Laine, John	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Meade
2299523	Dalanzo, Phillippe	Pvt. 1cl.	J9-29-18, Devens	3171517	McClintock, Edwin	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Dix
3175656	Dent, Marwood W.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Lee	2299556	Mathiew, Louis J.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Devens
3170694	Dowdy, John T.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Lee	3171352	Nicely, Homer W.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Lee
2102515	Downer, Earl	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant	3171425	Page, Thomas J.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Lee
2861815	Fairecloth, James W.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Taylor	1101416	Parody, Frederick C.	Pvt.	J11-16-18, S4-25-19
3491036	Faust, Charlie	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-10-18	1944926	Perrone, Phillip	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-9-18
3169033	Ferguson, Thos. E.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Lee	2426673	Purola, Carol V.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Sherman
3171490	Frazee, William B.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Dix	1386187	Razniewski, Anton T.	Pvt.	Grant
3489514	Freant, Joseph	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-10-18	3175241	Richards, Thomas J.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Meade
3168311	Gerken, Albert A.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, K10-10-18	3270255	Ring, Jesse	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Pike
3167302	Goblick, John M.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Dix	4000402	Roach, Waylard	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Gordon
3171685	Godfrey, Forest V.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Dix	3486711	Sheppard, Edward J.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Gordon
3169129	Goss, David G.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Dix	3494515	Taylor, Anderson	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3169620	Haines, Norman D.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Meade	3494799	Thomas, Harvey	Pvt.	J11-16-18, Ft. Oglethorpe

CHAPTER XXIV

ROSTERS OF COMPANY D

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY,
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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2159600	Anderson, Borget A.	Pvt.	Dodge	1387014	Freeman, Henry O.	Cpl.	T5-5-19
1387104	Atwood, Maurice R.	Pvt.	Grant	1387131	Freiwer, Joseph H.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant
2088461	Aurelio, Joseph A.	Pvt.	Grant	1387037	Gage, Emmett R.	Sp. Sgt.	Grant
1387043	Baker, Guy H.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	2157669	Gardner, Clifford L.	Pvt.	Dodge
1387044	Bartholomew, Armour B.	Pvt. lcl.	SS-14-18	2061609	Gary, Thomas C.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant
1387023	Beasant, Walter R.	Cpl.	Grant	2061632	Giese, Gottfried J.	Pvt.	Grant
1387046	Blackwell, William T.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1387008	Gilbert, Edward H.	Sgt.	Grant
1387108	Blomquist, David.	Pvt.	Grant	1387134	Goik, Frank J.	Pvt.	Grant
1387109	Bojanowski, John.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1977574	Goldberry, Floyd.	Cpl.	Sherman
1387047	Brill, Lee.	Cpl.	Grant	1387058	Greenock, Harry E.	Sgt.	Grant
1977939	Brooks, Isaac.	Pvt.	WS-9-18	1387016	Gregory, Frank.	Cpl.	Grant
1387010	Brown, James McK.	Cpl.	Grant	1387137	Griffith, Joseph B.	Pvt.	Grant
1387003	Buell, Gordon T.	Sgt.	T3-12-19	1387140	Hass, George.	Pvt.	W-9-10-18
1387111	Bukowski, Edward A.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	2156072	Hall, Floyd W.	Pvt.	T9-15-18
2157895	Burrows, Leonard A.	Pvt.	K10-10-18	2155560	Halsey, Albert J.	Pvt.	W10-12-18
1387048	Busk, Adolph.	Pvt. lcl.	WS-14-18	2152999	Hamilton, Claude A.	Pvt.	W10-11-18
1387112	Casey, George.	Cpl.	Grant	1385879	Hamm, Russell.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant
1387113	Catanese, Joseph.	Pvt.	Grant	1387059	Hampton, Roy S.	Pvt. lcl.	S10-1-18
1386998	Chase, Herbert M., Jr.	Sgt.	S7-23-18	1387060	Hanna, Leon M.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant
1387013	Chase, John G.	Sgt.	Grant	2163560	Hanson, Roy A.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
2157597	Christians, Walter H.	Pvt.	WS-15-18	2163359	Harlan, William C.	Mech.	Dodge
1387114	Chrzanowski, Alexander	Pvt.	Grant	1387017	Haunstrup, Holger, Jr.	Cpl.	K10-10-18
2061295	Chwafko, John.	Pvt.	K10-10-18	1387061	Hawkins, Charles F.	Pvt. lcl.	K7-4-18
1977688	Colwell, Eddie M.	Pvt.	S10-18-18	2157619	Hege, Burnie T.	Pvt.	Dodge
1387115	Coombs, Cyril C.	Pvt.	Grant	1387063	Hicketz, Frank R.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant
1387049	Corbett, William F.	Cpl.	Grant	1387012	Higgle, Harold H.	Sgt.	Grant
1387009	Cox, Stewart J.	Cpl.	Grant	1977967	Holbrooks, Norse H.	Pvt.	T23-5-19
1977141	Coy, Chester.	Pvt.	S12-15-18	2159396	Howe, Earl J.	Pvt.	K10-10-18
1387042	Creighton, Gordon F.	Bugler	W10-10-18	1387021	Huddleston, Paul F.	Sgt.	Grant
1386050	Cross, Harry C.	Pvt.	T9-15-18	1387145	Hunt, Donald M.	Pvt.	Grant
1387116	Czerbinski, Bruno.	Pvt.	S12-15-18	1387167	Janssen, Bernhard.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant
1977689	Dale, William Curtis	Pvt.	WS-10-18	1387147	Janssen, Frederick.	Pvt.	K10-10-18
1387034	Dassow, Dale L.	Pvt.	Grant	1387149	Jensen, Louis.	Pvt.	Grant
1387118	Demschinski, Antoni.	Pvt.	Grant	Johnston, Benjamin C.	Sgt.	TS-5-18	
1387051	Doolady, George J.	Cpl.	Grant	1977482	Johnston, Ora F.	Pvt.	K10-10-18
1387119	Doolan, Daniel A.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1387067	Jones, William H.	Pvt.	WS-14-18
1386995	Dore, Frank D.	1st Sgt.	Grant	1387150	Jones, Walter T.	Pvt.	SS-5-18
1387122	Dunkel, James.	Pvt.	Grant	1387068	Joseph, Nelson M.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant
1387052	Dunkel, Walter S.	Pvt.	T12-3-18	1387069	Jurkowski, Andrew.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant
1387123	Dunne, Christopher C.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	1387154	Kaiser, James.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1387124	Dynowski, Frank.	Pvt.	K10-9-18	2086937	Kamick, Edward.	Pvt.	T3-29-19
1387053	Eckstrom, Roy G.	Sgt.	Grant	1387155	Kane, John T.	Mech.	Grant
2061267	Eder, Raymond L.	Pvt. lcl.	Grant	2061626	Karahalics, Konstantine F.	Pvt.	Grant
1387125	Engel, Zelig.	Pvt.	Grant	2072787	Katchis, Tom D.	Pvt.	SS-8-18
1387126	Ewart, Merle A.	Pvt.	Grant	2086563	Keane, James J.	Pvt.	Grant
1387054	Ferguson, William.	Cook.	Grant	2059408	Keegan, James J.	Pvt.	Dodge
1387055	Fessett, Edward.	Cpl.	Grant	1386994	Kelley, Robert H.	Sgt.	TL-28-18
1387056	Folger, Arthur E.	Cpl.	Grant	1387070	Kennedy, Charles E.	Cpl.	Grant
1387057	Fossell, George W.	Pvt. lcl.	TS-28-18	1387158	King, John.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1978247	Fowler, Curtis L.	Cpl.	Sherman	1387159	Kinowski, Michael.	Pvt.	Grant
				1387160	Kirner, Leonard.	Pvt.	Grant
				1387161	Kleich, Frank J.	Pvt.	WS-13-18
				1387163	Kopala, Tony.	Pvt.	Grant
				1387993	Koropp, Leo.	Sgt.	Grant
				2155588	Kost, Robert N.	Pvt. lcl.	Dodge
				2156097	Kroeger, Emil.	Pvt.	Dodge
				1387029	Krulewick, Sam C.	Cpl.	W10-12-18

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1387169	Kwiatkowski, John	Pvt.	Grant
2156100	Lambert, Rene	Pvt.	W8-9-18
2153023	Lampo, Edward M.	Pvt.	K9-10-18
1387170	Latala, Julius	Cpl.	Grant
1387006	Lavelle, Austin	Cpl.	T10-17-18
2156101	Lawler, James	Cpl.	Dodge
2163583	Leibold, Peter N.	Pvt.	T5-12-19
1387171	Leigh, Maurice	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
2087137	Liljeborg, Ragnar F.	Pvt.	Grant
2088096	Lilvik, Charles	Pvt.	K10-10-18
2156104	Lindberg, John L.	Pvt.	Dodge
2086580	Lindstrom, Arthur	Pvt.	W10-10-18
2061636	Lindstrom, Sigurd	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1387072	Lloyd, Melvin G.	Pvt.	Grant
1387172	Loneragan, William H.	Pvt.	Grant
1977923	Love, Arthur F.	Cook	Sherman
1387173	Ludzas, Stanley A.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
2086584	Lundie, John	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1387073	Lundquist, David W., Jr.	Pvt.	Grant
1387074	Lynd, Todd	Pvt.	S9-28-18
2157641	McCabe, Gordon W.	Pvt.	S12-10-18
1387075	McCarthy, Anthony J.	Cpl.	Grant
2155604	McElree, Sammie	Pvt.	Dodge
1387033	McMahon, Michael	Cook	Grant
2061786	McNamara, Thomas	Cpl.	S12-10-18
1386992	McTaggart, Edward J.	Pvt.	Grant
2061256	Macko, Charles J.	Pvt.	W9-26-18
2159433	Mahoney, Cornelius	Pvt.	Dodge
1387175	Mahrn, Andrew	Pvt.	Grant
1387076	Maselko, John	Pvt.	Grant
1387176	Masterson, Walter	Pvt.	S9-14-18
2135679	Mathews, Carl K.	Pvt.	Dodge
1977590	Matthew, Roy A.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1387177	Matyszov, Frank	Pvt.	W8-11-18
2155607	Medin, Lief S.	Pvt.	Dodge
2156252	Menk, Walter L.	Pvt.	Dodge
2153102	Meyers, Joseph J.	Pvt.	W8-14-18
2061650	Michel, Arthur N.	Pvt.	K10-10-18
2086829	Mickowiec, Frank	Pvt.	K10-10-18
2156115	Miller, Frank	Pvt.	Dodge
1387181	Miller, George M.	Pvt.	Grant
1387183	Mizia, John	Pvt.	Grant
2061281	Mordente, Anthony F.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387184	Moses, Jacob	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1387077	Murray, Lawrence	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387189	Muza, August J., Jr.	Pvt.	Grant
1387078	Nelson, Le Roy	Pvt.	Grant
1387190	Neveau, William	Pvt.	W10-11-18
1387079	Nevel, Samuel J.	Cook	Grant
1387080	Norris, Robert	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387018	Oakland, Ralph E.	Cpl.	Grant
2061313	O'Donnell, James A.	Pvt.	Grant
1387019	O'Shea, William P.	Cpl.	W10-12-18
2061297	Osoba, Joseph	Pvt.	K10-10-18
1978265	Palmer, Arthur L.	Cpl.	Sherman
1387030	Peabody, Walter G.	Cpl.	Grant
1387194	Peters, Claude B.	Pvt.	W8-13-18
1977600	Phillips, William L.	Cpl.	Sherman
1387081	Pierson, Ben S.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387082	Piner, Charles	Pvt.	1cl, K10-11-18
1387199	Postel, Louis	Pvt.	S10-11-18
1387083	Postero, Tony	Pvt.	1cl, Gordon
1387084	Prentice, George J.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387085	Prochazka, Joseph G.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1388468	Reed, Frank J.	Pvt.	Upton
1387200	Renkor, August F.	Pvt.	Grant
1977513	Reynolds, Edgar S.	Pvt.	T9-15-18
1387201	Rich, Emil	Cpl.	Grant
1387202	Rider, George F.	Cpl.	Grant
1387086	Robbin, Morris	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1964839	Roessler, Jack	Pvt.	S11-30-18
1387087	Romano, William	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387088	Rosenberg, Samuel R.	Cpl.	Grant
1387205	Ryan, Martin P.	Pvt.	S11-12-18
1977610	Salisbury, George	Cpl.	Grant
1977610	Salisbury, George	Pvt.	Taylor
2061846	Sandblom, Gustaf A.	Bugler	Grant
2061253	Sania, Jack	Pvt.	Grant
1387090	Saunders, John	Cpl.	Grant
1387100	Saunders, William	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1977859	Schill, Joe	Pvt.	K8-9-18
1387091	Schoolly, James E.	Cpl.	Grant
2061271	Schorn, Albert J.	Pvt.	Grant
1387207	Schraeder, Tony P.	Pvt.	K10-10-18
1387208	Schichtenberg, George J.	Pvt.	Grant
1395355	Serefano, Alex	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387035	Sereno, Thomas	Pvt.	Grant
1387092	Shoukair, Robert N.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1386999	Shuster, Irving S.	Sgt.	Grant
1387209	Sichrovsky, Frank M.	Pvt.	Grant
1977680	Smith, Albert C.	Pvt.	Sherman
1387093	Smith, John J.	Cpl.	Grant
2071233	Snipes, Jesse	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1387213	Sobczak, John P.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1395357	Soch, Paul	Pvt.	T8-9-17
1387004	Sorenson, Arthur S.	Sgt.	Grant
2061657	Stanton, Thomas E.	Pvt.	Grant
1387094	Stecher, Adam E.	Pvt.	S9-26-18
1387021	Steinmetz, Elmer L.	Cpl.	T6-19-18
2061258	Stepponkas, William	Pvt.	Grant
1387032	Sullivan, Harold V.	Mess Sgt.	Grant
1387095	Sullivan, John L.	Cpl.	W10-10-18
2061849	Swanson, Edward	Bugler	Grant
1387096	Swanson, Frank R.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387041	Swift, Frank B.	Bugler	K8-10-18
2061328	Syverson, Gilbert	Pvt.	Grant
1387097	Thompson, William	Cpl.	Grant
1387025	Thorneycroft, Matthew R.	Sgt.	Grant
2061851	Tinker, Mortimer D.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387221	Trembley, Theodore J.	Pvt.	S9-27-18
1387098	Trinker, Harry J.	Pvt.	T3-26-19
1387224	Vargovick, Emro M.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387022	Van Allmen, William	Sgt.	Grant
1386996	Walsh, Thomas J.	Sgt.	T11-6-18
1386996	Wangler, George A.	Sgt.	T10-13-18
1387000	Warren, Charles H.	Sgt.	S7-3-18
1387101	Weinberg, Harry	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1977515	Weller, Roscoe E.	Pvt.	Sherman
1387226	White, Arthur R.	Pvt.	Grant
1387227	Whitesell, Jacob E.	Pvt.	Grant
1387228	Whiteside, William T.	Mech.	Grant
1387229	Williams, Daniel C.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387230	Winokur, Paul A.	Pvt.	Grant
1387231	Wochehoski, John J.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387103	Wochehoski, Joseph	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1387005	Woodward, Franklin S.	Pvt.	Grant
1387038	Worswick, David E.	Mech.	Grant
1387236	Zaveckas, Charles	Pvt.	Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED ORGANIZATION IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY D.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1387015	Gallois, Flavian G.	Cpl.	J6-28-18, T3-12-19
1387011	Heinowski, Elmer L.	Cpl.	J6-28-19, Grant
1387065	Jacobson, George N.	Pvt.	1cl, J7-20-18, S9-26-18
2153102	Miller, Marshall P.	Pvt.	J7-20-18, K10-11-18

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1387204	Roturmo, Joseph	Pvt.	J6-28-18, T4-20-19
1395350	Sansome, Tony	Pvt.	J6-28-18, Grant
1976509	Spigal, George	Pvt.	J7-20-18, Grant
1387102	Wier, Martin F.	Pvt.	1cl, J6-28-18, Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS TRANSFERRED TO 131ST INFANTRY AFTER ARRIVAL
IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY D.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2062296	Bryngelson, Arthur	Pvt.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19	2057987	Redding, Charles H.	Pvt.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19
1375124	Heilbron, Earl H.	Pvt.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19	1380887	Stasio, Guy B.	Pvt.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19
1375100	Keys, Milton H.	Pvt.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19	1375084	Swanson, Sture	Pvt. 1cl.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19
1392088	McGinley, Robert	Pvt.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19	1390298	VanBuren, Gordon	Pvt.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19
1375105	O'Connell, Jerome A.	Pvt.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19	1375152	Wintroud, Ernest	Pvt.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19
3334877	Rasmussen, Albert D.	Pvt.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19	1375113	Young, Robert	Pvt.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19
				1380818	Zielke, William	Pvt.,	J3-31-19, T4-26-19

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS
REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY D.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3174782	Basham, John J.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Dix	2871252	Heflin, Alfred W.	Cpl.,	J9-29-18, Pike
2661335	Buccola, Sam	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Grant	2968812	Higley, John C.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Meade
3169738	Bumgarner, Basil	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, W10-11-18	3256260	Hollingsworth, T. L.	Cpl.,	J9-29-18, Pike
3486464	Cooper, William H.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	432772	Jones, Richard P.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, AWOL1-25-19
3167939	Davidson, William A.	Cpl.,	J9-29-18, Dix	2315264	Jopowicy, Stephen	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, W10-12-18
3485280	Elzey, Julius A.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Gordon	3256284	Langley, Henry	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Shelby
3169117	Garthright, Bernard A.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Lee	2315265	Laukitis, John.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Dix
2872487	Ginn, Edward	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, W10-10-18	2435174	Muhalski, Casimier	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Sherman
3170362	Gladis, Michael	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, S12-10-18	2116980	Netterville, McGruder	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Shelby
3170305	Glessner, Walter H.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Dix	2662041	Palmer, Carl.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Grant
3175096	Goe, Clyde.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Dix	3487816	Smolonak, Joseph J.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Sherman
3171564	Goddall, Binwood S.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Lee	2657337	Sochasky, Joseph	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Sherman
1951359	Griffis, Corliss H.	Sgt.,	J9-29-18, W10-12-18	3484938	Spieth, John C.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Sherman
2426848	Gross, George G.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Sherman	3485048	Standish, James	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, K10-11-18
3175150	Hatter, William J.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S12-21-18	2657337	Stoupa, James J.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Sherman
				2872477	Williams, Robert E. Lee	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Pike

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1387330	Adams, Millard F.	Pvt.	T2-4-19	1387374	Goodwin, Loren	Pvt.	Sherman
1387297	Aderhold, Monroe M.	Cpl.	Grant	1387308	Gourley, David G., Jr.	Cpl.	S8-31-18
1387298	Alexander, Herbert	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387746	Gourley, George B.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387259	Anderson, Frank D.	Pvt.	Grant	1387375	Grande, Bruno S.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387322	Aurand, George	Pvt.	WS-31-18	1387289	Greenwood, James A.	Cook	Grant
1387333	Bagniewski, Peter A.	Pvt. 1cl.	WS-31-18	1387287	Hager, Gunner S.	Cook	Grant
1387334	Barczak, Roman	Pvt.	S8-31-18	1387776	Harms, Carl W.	Pvt. 1cl.	S1-27-18
1387375	Bastl, Frank	Pvt.	Grant	1387379	Haynes, Albert H.	Pvt.	D5-26-19
1398299	Bates, Andrew W.	Pvt. 1cl.	S10-10-18	1387309	Heap, Harold R.	Pvt. 1cl.	K7-4-18
1387336	Baum, Herman	Pvt.	Grant	1387339	Helms, Joseph A.	Pvt.	Grant
1387337	Bell, Leo	Pvt. 1cl.	K7-4-18	1387381	Hemphill, John J.	Pvt.	Grant
1387300	Bennett, George	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387382	Hennessy, Joseph	Pvt.	W9-5-18
1387338	Bennett, Marvin A.	Pvt.	S7-17-18	1387291	Hodges, Ernest M.	Mech.	WS-9-18
1387301	Bersane, Mike	Pvt. 1cl.	S10-25-18	1387243	Hoeh, Norman V.	Sp. Sgt.	S7-24-18
1387340	Blom, Harry C.	Pvt.	Grant	1387383	Hoff, Walter A.	Pvt.	K9-26-18
1387341	Blume, Clarence C.	Pvt. 1cl.	S12-28-18	1387384	Hoffman, Benjamin	Pvt. 1cl.	W9-5-18
1977663	Bollinger, Isaac	Pvt.	Sherman	1387310	Hoffman, Walter J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387277	Borchard, Victor E.	Sgt.	S5-7-19	1387386	Huckins, Robert A.	Pvt. 1cl.	K8-16-18
1387343	Braslof, Nathan D.	Pvt.	W9-5-18	1387387	Hughes, Thomas L.	Pvt.	Grant
1387344	Brooks, Charles	Pvt.	K9-26-18	1387388	Hughes, Thomas P.	Pvt.	S9-25-18
1387347	Buckley, Harry M.	Pvt. 1cl.	S1-13-19	1387311	Huston, Chester I.	Cpl.	K7-4-18
1387348	Burch, Olin B.	Pvt.	Grant	1387269	Hyslop, Henry C.	Cpl.	Grant
1387349	Butcher, William G.	Pvt.	Grant	1387312	Ippolite, Joseph	Pvt. 1cl.	W9-5-18
1387256	Califano, Eugene	Cpl.	W9-5-18	1387389	Jablonski, Joseph	Pvt.	Grant
1387242	Campbell, Waldo G.	Mess Sgt.	T10-13-18	2063691	Jackson, Dalvin W.	Pvt.	Grant
1387355	Clemenson, Otto C.	Pvt.	K8-9-18	1387313	Jacobs, Frank C.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387354	Cochran, Charles L.	Pvt.	Grant	1387390	Jagielski, Edward	Pvt. 1cl.	WS-31-18
1387355	Cohen, Henry	Pvt. 1cl.	S10-25-18	1387392	Jones, Arthur J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387266	Connors, William J.	Cpl.	S7-17-18	1387393	Kakowski, Joe	Pvt.	Grant
1387303	Daniels, Cyrair R.	Pvt.	Upton	1387295	Kendrick, Paul	Bugler	K9-26-18
1387241	Davidson, Lawrence J.	Pvt.	Grant	1387395	Klecher, Arthur T.	Pvt.	Grant
1387358	Desmond, Earl Paul	Pvt.	Grant	1387396	Knofski, Theofil	Pvt.	D6-24-18
1387359	DiRocco, Peter	Pvt.	Grant	1387397	Kollas, Clemens	Pvt.	S10-25-18
1387258	Donnell, Elmer J.	Cpl.	Grant	1387798	Krachenbuhl, John H.	Pvt.	Grant
1387304	Dowlat, Bruno L.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387247	Krum, James E.	Sgt.	T9-15-18
1387360	Dunkel, Anthony A.	Pvt. 1cl.	W9-5-18	1387401	Kuhn, William J.	Pvt.	Grant
1387361	Duscher, Robert	Bugler	W7-17-18	1387403	Kurth, Charles T.	Pvt.	WS-31-18
1387276	Eagle, Clarence E.	Cpl.	K8-9-18	1387275	Laing, Justin R.	Cpl.	Grant
1387362	Eastlick, Fred	Pvt.	K8-9-18	1387404	Lahor, Michael A.	Pvt. 1cl.	S8-21-18
1387275	Entwistle, Raymond K.	Cpl.	Grant	1387314	Lampas, Steve	Pvt. 1cl.	Meade
1387244	Erhardt, Andrew J.	Sgt.	T11-18-18	1387315	Lane, Ralph	Pvt. 1cl.	W10-25-18
1387365	Farrington, Richard	Pvt.	Grant	1387405	Larkin, Cecil T.	Pvt.	Grant
1387305	Fellman, Frank G.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387406	Lerner, Joseph	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387306	Finerty, Thomas A.	Pvt. 1cl.	K9-5-18	1387282	Leonard, Alvin C.	Cpl.	W10-25-18
1387366	Forsberg, Albert F.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387260	Leonard, Edward	Pvt.	WS-28-18
1387367	Fox, John E.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387402	Lester, Thomas	Pvt.	Grant
1387368	Gain, Henry J.	Pvt.	Grant	1387408	Linskey, William F.	Pvt.	K9-26-18
1387262	Gallagher, Charles A.	Cpl.	Grant	1387409	Litson, Will C.	Pvt.	Grant
1387369	Geffert, William H.	Pvt.	K9-26-18	1387346	Livatinio, Ignatius	Pvt.	Grant
1387370	Getz, Julius	Pvt.	Grant	1387254	Lohman, William	Sgt.	K8-9-18
1387371	Gillespie, Robert W.	Pvt.	Grant	1387411	Ludtke, Richard P.	Pvt.	K7-4-18
1387372	Golla, Ignatius P.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387245	Luthin, Herbert W.	Sgt.	Grant
1387373	Gombeau, Fred C.	Pvt.	S8-5-18	1387416	McCown, Jay	Pvt.	Grant
				1387261	McKenna, Phillip J.	Cpl.	Grant
				1387417	McLaughlin, Edward	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
				1387561	McMillan, Robin N.	Sgt.	W9-5-18

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1387278	Maciontek, Boleslaw			1387453	Schabinger, Andrew C.		
		Pvt.	WS-31-18			Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387414	Malin, Thomas A.		Pvt., Grant	1387323	Schenck, Harmel	Pvt. 1cl.	W7-24-18
1387288	Mall, Henry F.		Cook, Grant	1387454	Schirmer, Richard		Pvt., Grant
1387292	Mall, Oscar W.		Mech., S4-27-19	46544	Schmidt, Herman A.		Pvt., K7-4-18
1387415	Markiewicz, Wm. J.		Pvt., Grant	1387272	Schandt, Erwin H.		Cpl., Grant
1387253	Mayer, Harold F.		Sgt., T11-5-18	1387252	Schneider, William E.		Sgt., T4-7-19
1387419	Messersmith, Daniel M.			1387456	Schmitker, Fred		Pvt., Sherman
		Pvt.	WS-31-18	1387451	Schubert, Thomas L.		Pvt., Grant
1387420	Meyer, Joseph		Pvt., K7-4-18	1387458	Schwenk, Albert L.		Pvt., S5-7-19
1387421	Michaels, Charles W.		Pvt., Grant	1387459	Seelye, Benjamin		Pvt., Grant
1387422	Michalski, Frank M.		Pvt., Grant	2087218	Sibilio, Vincenzo C.		Pvt., Grant
1387423	Miles, John		Pvt., Grant	1387461	Sieracki, Xavier		Pvt., K10-8-18
1387316	Mills, Alonzo B.		Cpl., W9-15-18	1387462	Signore, Tony		Pvt., Grant
1387424	Mills, John D.		Cpl., Grant	1387464	Smith, Harold F.		Pvt., WS-31-18
1387271	Moe, Victor		Cpl., Grant	1387468	Smith, Hugh B.		Pvt., Grant
1387099	Morris, Edgar M.		Cpl., Grant	1387485	Smith, James W.		Pvt. 1cl., WS-31-18
1387425	Morrison, William G.		Pvt., Grant			Pvt. 1cl.	WS-31-18
1387257	Mueller, George W.		Cpl., D4-5-26-19	1387324	Smith, Stanley		Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1387427	Musoloff, Alexander		Pvt., Grant	2067241	Sonnen, Henry G.		Pvt., S7-17-18
1387317	Myers, Clifford R.		Pvt. 1cl., WS-4-18	1387467	Spencer, Melvin C.		Pvt., WS-28-18
		Pvt. 1cl.	WS-4-18	1387465	Sperry, Raymond W.		Pvt., W7-24-18
1387426	Nelson, William		Pvt. 1cl., W9-15-18	1387469	Steinback, Ellis F.		Pvt., WS-31-18
1387429	Newman, Clinton E.		Pvt., WS-31-18	1387325	Stoltz, Henry G.		Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1387430	Nicholls, George H.		Pvt., Grant	1387424	Straub, Joseph P.		Pvt., T7-8-18
1387318	Nicholson, Joseph V.		Pvt. 1cl., Grant	1387326	Stripling, James C.		Cpl., Grant
1387431	Niemczuski, John P.		Pvt. 1cl., Grant	1387470	Sulkowski, Walter		Pvt., Grant
		Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2078882	Swanson, Albert G.		Pvt., WS-31-18
1387432	Novetny, Jerry		Pvt., Grant	1387471	Swerdo, Justyn		Pvt. 1cl., Dix
1387433	O'Hearn, John J.		Pvt., S5-7-19	2078812	Szczwarzewicz, Leon		Pvt., Grant
1387250	Ohlhafer, Laverne A.		Sgt., K8-9-18	2067243	Taglia, William		Pvt., Grant
1387435	Oyerholser, Joseph W.		Pvt., K7-5-18	1387472	Teich, Albert H.		Pvt., W9-5-18
1387436	Panagopoulos, Vaseloos			2078813	Teunones, Carl J.		Pvt., K7-4-18
		Pvt.	W11-4-18	1387255	Thomas, William H.		Pvt., T2-7-19
1387280	Paschall, Herbert F.		Cpl., Grant	2078814	Thompson, Peter		Pvt., Grant
1387436	Percy, Franklin W.		Pvt., Grant	2067278	Ticzka, Stanley		Pvt., Grant
1387286	Peterson, Carl O.		Cpl., Grant	1387475	Trautman, Fred C.		Pvt., Grant
1387449	Peterson, William		Pvt., Grant	1387474	Treadman, William W.		Pvt. 1cl., K7-4-18
1387440	Petrates, Mike		Pvt., Grant			Pvt. 1cl.	K7-4-18
1387318	Plate, George H.		Pvt. 1cl., WS-3-18	2067244	Tysl, James		Pvt., Grant
1387320	Pope, Thomas A.		Cpl., Grant	1387283	Tyzak, Joseph O.		Mech., Grant
1387281	Powell, Raymond M.		Cpl., S8-31-18	2067245	Umberger, Ralph		Pvt., WS-31-18
1387441	Purcell, Edward F.		Pvt. 1cl., Grant	1387475	Urbanski, Joseph A.		Pvt. 1cl., K7-4-18
1387296	Purdon, Harold W.		Pvt. 1cl., Grant			Pvt. 1cl.	W11-15-18
1387264	Quadens, John		Cpl., W9-5-18	1387263	Vanck, Otto		Cpl., S10-25-18
1387442	Rafalski, Antonio J.		Pvt. 1cl., W7-28-18	1387478	Vaughn, William R.		Pvt., Grant
		Pvt. 1cl.	W7-28-18	2076967	Waisenberg, Joe		Pvt., W9-5-18
1387443	Rapp, Daniel W.		Cpl., Grant	1387328	Walheim, Frank M.		Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1387444	Rattray, Charles T.		Pvt., Grant	1387329	Warren, Stephen R.		Cpl., Grant
1387445	Redding, Ray		Pvt., W9-5-18	1387479	Welch, Leonard A.		Pvt., WS-31-18
1387283	Reeder, John R.		Cpl., D7-15-18	1387480	Wenslaft, William F.		Pvt., W10-25-18
1387446	Ragan, James		Pvt., S5-7-19			Pvt.	W10-25-18
1387321	Rennock, Irving		Pvt. 1cl., W9-5-18	1387285	Whitson, Lester O.		Cpl., K9-26-18
1387440	Rhodes, Freeman		Pvt. 1cl., T5-7-19	1387481	Williams, Will J.		Pvt., Grant
1387265	Rindfish, Elmer L.		Cpl., K8-9-18	1387482	Willis, Edward J.		Pvt., WS-31-18
1387447	Ringstorf, Alfred H.		Pvt. 1cl., Grant	1387483	Wisniewski, William, Jr.		Pvt., Grant
1387248	Roberts, Frederick B.		Sgt., S10-25-18			Pvt.	Grant
1387439	Robinson, Herbert B.		Pvt., Grant	1387484	Woeltjen, Albert E.		Pvt., WS-25-18
1387322	Rochon, Edward J.		Pvt. 1cl., WS-31-18	1387267	Wood, Edward M.		Cpl., T6-25-18
		Pvt. 1cl.	WS-31-18	1387466	Wrablewski, Geo.		Pvt., Grant
1387296	Roger, Petter L.		Cook, Grant	1387486	Wurzbacher, William		Pvt., T4-20-19
1385459	Ryan, Ralph W., Jr.		Pvt., Grant			Pvt.	T4-20-19
1387451	Sadrakula, Karol		Pvt., Grant	1387249	Zimmerman, Chester T.		Sgt., WS-31-18
1387452	Sandstrom, Carl J.		Pvt., WS-28-18	1387270	Zyburt, Henry G.		Cpl., Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT
DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED ORGANIZATION
IN FRANCE. ASSIGNED TO COMPANY E.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1387331	Annas, Sidney A.			1387364	Farr, Fred		
		Pvt.	J6-22-18, Grant			Pvt.	J8-24-18, Grant
1387351	Cassiere, William J.		Pvt., J6-22-18, Grant	1387385	Horchem, Floyd		Pvt., J9-5-18, S8-4-18
1387302	Cimino, Vincent		Pvt. 1cl., J7-20-18, Grant	1387418	Meade, John N.		Pvt., J6-22-18, WS-31-18
1387352	Cinciewa, Walter S.		Pvt., J6-22-18, WS-4-18	1395361	Schmidt, Edward A.		Pvt., J9-21-18, Grant

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1387460	Sheehan, William F.	Pvt.	J6-22-18, Grant	1387327	Vella, Vincent	Pvt.	J6-22-18, Grant
1387279	Sulkowski, Walter L.	Mech.	J6-22-18, Grant	1387214	Willard, John R.	Pvt.	J12-28-18, Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS TRANSFERRED TO 131ST INFANTRY AFTER ARRIVAL IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY E.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1390359	Bace, Jerry	Pvt. 1cl.	J9-5-18, T4-21-19	1165573	Rutz, Adolph P.	Sgt.	J8-1-18, Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED THE 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY E.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3275067	Adams, George A.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Pike	3513006	Capps, Louis R.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Pike
2969228	Adkins, Willie S.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S1-13-19	4237432	Carlton, Anton W.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, S11-18-18
2867321	Ainsworth, Alfred E.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Pike	2060272	Carson, John F.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, T11-1-18
3168327	Alkire, Darius P.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Meade	2662093	Clemons, Ansel S.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S10-25-18
1371224	Allison, Herbert W.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S10-19-18	2661737	Coleman, Acle E.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Grant
2662013	Amacher, Roy E.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Grant	3103253	Copeland, Birt	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor
2662025	Armstrong, Ray V.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Grant	3486393	Cothran, William	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-25-18
2969114	Ashworth, William W.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Meade	2967433	Covington, Virgil	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Lee
2256192	Avery, Earl B.	Cpl.	J10-29-18, Lewis	3166260	Cravens, John	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Meade
2671174	Baencker, William C.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S10-19-18	1366282	Crawford, Carlo G.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-25-18
3490290	Bailes, James F.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, K9-27-18	2859152	Crawford, Edward S.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W11-8-18
1033799	Baldrine, Frank	Bugler	J10-29-18, Upton	2780899	Curtis, James E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, S1-20-19
2425710	Barker, Frank H.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S10-25-18	2299702	Debois, Frank S.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-25-18
1248709	Bathel, Howell M.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, W10-25-18	3357768	Dessart, Charles T.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Dix
3173081	Belles, William S.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, S10-25-18	3775905	Dilts, Cecil C.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge
380768	Bellew, Daniel	Pvt. 1cl.	J10-3-18, Upton	2661062	Dobbins, William F.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, W10-25-18
3742038	Benson, Henry E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, S12-28-18	3775288	Donovan, John F.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Lewis
3486719	Bird, Benjamin J.	Cpl.	J10-3-18, S11-30-18	2659056	Draper, Tennyson M.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T11-1-18
3167936	Bishie, William J.	Pvt. 1cl.	J9-13-18, Dix	3173072	Duluski, John	Pvt.	J9-13-18, S10-25-18
2475541	Bookless, James G.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, Sherman	3775967	Dunivon, John	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T1-11-19
2969285	Booth, Clyde	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Meade	2299958	Dworakowski, Andrew	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W11-8-18
2969198	Boothe, Riley	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Meade	2704816	EGge, Henry G.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T1-11-19
2946296	Boswell, Roy	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Sherman	2662031	Ellsworth, Winfield	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Grant
3636424	Bowe, Clyde E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Meade	2661386	Englehardt, George H.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Grant
2661802	Brady, William J.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, Grant	3510701	Eskev, Harris	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3173066	Brighthaupt, Clare E.	Pvt. 1cl.	J9-13-18, Dix	1704783	Ettlinger, Sidney	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S10-25-18
3775890	Broberg, Leigh E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge	2661346	Faley, Bernard F.	Sgt.	J10-3-18, Grant
2662019	Buckhave, Michael	Cpl.	J10-3-18, Grant	3270078	Falk, George	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T4-9-19
377943	Buonesera, Frank	Pvt.	J10-3-18, T2-5-19	380885	Ferreria, Joseph	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Upton
2661805	Burkhart, Harry B.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, Grant	3356454	Fluegemann, Henry J.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S5-14-19
3173077	Cahill, John L.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, W10-25-18, Dix				

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3512209	Foar, Edgar T.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Pike	2659988	Knowles, Raymond	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-25-18
2299714	Fox, Emory B.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Upton	3167123	Kominski, Joseph	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-25-18
2871871	Frady, Isaac	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	2661911	Krankowski, Ladysland F.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, Grant
3138015	Franklin, Amos J.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. D. A. Russell	3170145	Kuhn, Theobald J.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Dix
2661872	Gelow, Otto	Pvt.	J10-13-18, K9-26-18	3170251	Landis, Charles E.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S10-25-18
3167965	Glassco, Simon H.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, K9-26-18	743735	Lapides, David	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Upton
2086529	Gramzinski, Stanley J.	Pvt.	J8-24-18, S9-5-18	3170378	Latz, Frederick	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Dix
3170388	Green James.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Dix	2860458	Law, Melford C.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2315208	Grigo, Frank.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Dix	2870743	Lay, Alvie L.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T4-9-19
4083301	Groetzinger, William C.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T2-4-19	1946803	Leasgang, John S.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, Sherman
2866826	Grooms, Horace W.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	3775861	Leighton, Earl J.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge
2451997	Hagan, Joseph	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Upton	3167532	Lepinski, Stephen	Pvt.	J9-13-18, Dix
2969249	Hager, Ollie	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Meade	3490949	Lunsford, James E.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S10-25-18
2661871	Hahling, Carl	Pvt.	J9-13-18, W10-25-18	1941642	McGrath, Edmond	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S10-25-18
2299966	Hale, Norman L.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Devens	2661269	McKay, Frank	Pvt.	J10-3-18, T2-5-19
3166299	Harkless, Jess	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S10-25-18	1740577	Magnes, William	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T2-5-19
3166288	Harkless, Willie	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S10-25-18	4082596	Manandise, Leopold	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
2565466	Harp, William B.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Pike	3351252	Martin, Charles W.	Pvt.	J10-29-17, S1-3-19
3767085	Hatfield, Linnie	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor	2299984	Maschio, Dominick	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Devens
3167983	Haupt, Ralph W.	Pvt. 1cl.	J9-13-18, Dix	1032844	Maticki, Vincent	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Grant
2299922	Heeman, Edward D.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-25-18	3775818	Meis, Frank A.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge
4087100	Heffler, Henry C.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix	2501669	Mikels, Lewis L.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T1-11-19
3502832	Heinbuch, Monroe M.	Pvt. 1cl.	J9-13-18, Sherman	4079913	Miller, Wilbert	Pvt.	10-29-18, Dix
3805260	Hendly, Cornelius B.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T4-9-19	2866342	Millican, Melton	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T1-11-19
2967539	Henshaw, Birt A.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S10-25-18	2703691	Mintz, Arndt E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge
3169725	Himes, Porter G.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Meade	1237928	Moll, Charles	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
3171458	Holbert, Summerson B.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Lee	4079490	Moniger, William	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
2866863	Holland, John B.	Pvt. 1cl.	J10-3-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	2661056	Montgomery, Cliff C.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, Grant
2661768	Hoscheit, Charles	Pvt.	J9-13-18, Grant	4085902	Morith, Harry L.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
1369960	Hovatter, James B.	Pvt.	J10-3-19, W10-25-18	3767061	Moynihn, Daniel	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor
3767109	Howard, Claud	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor	1923291	Mullendore, Harry R.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Taylor
2660964	Huddleston, Glenn B.	Pvt. 1cl.	J9-13-18, Grant	3171317	Nicely, Thomas L.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, T2-5-19
2866594	Irwin, Phillip H.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, S10-25-18	2872911	Orr, William	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T2-5-19
3485665	Jarvis, Michael	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Sherman	3499277	Pettigrew, Ira D.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Gordon
2884135	Johnson, Charles F.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Upton	3128873	Pierce, Henry J.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T1-11-19
2867363	Johnson, Marvin D.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-25-18	3258889	Price, Fred E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Shelby
307880	Kalata, Joseph	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Custer	3168998	Probola, Andrew J.	Pvt.	J9-13-18, W10-25-18
3486357	Keener, Othello M.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, Gordon	2435239	Purdy, Fred C.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Sherman
3486276	Kelly, Henry G.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-25-18	2871474	Putman, Isaac E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T4-9-19
3357393	Kenan, Lawrence	Pvt.	J9-13-18, Sherman	3499493	Ragan, Herman	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T1-11-19
3486471	Kendall, William L.	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-25-18	3503414	Riegler, Joseph F.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Grant
2657765	Klindt, Hans J.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Sherman				

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1969083	Rine, Hiram J.			2871889	Thompson, Jacob L.		
	Pvt., J10-3-18, T4-9-19				Pvt., J10-29-18, S5-7-19		
2661297	Rock, Lewis			3486360	Townsend, Ben B.		
	Pvt., J10-3-18, T2-4-19				Pvt., J10-3-18, Gordon		
3627485	Rogers, James M.			3674538	Treftz, David		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, S5-7-19				Pvt., J10-29-18, T2-5-19		
3274560	Rose, Milton M.			2107767	Underwood, William H.		
	Pvt., J10-20-18, Taylor				Pvt., J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe		
2867372	Sanders, Hiram B.			3490676	Van Meenan, Charles		
	Pvt., J10-3-18, W10-25-18				Pvt., J10-3-18, S5-7-19		
2088848	Schlessner, Nicholas A.			3223986	Van Ray, Bert		
	Pvt., J8-24-18, Grant				Pvt., J10-29-18, Grant		
3274881	Schlinski, John			3104842	Wall, Henry A.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, T2-4-19				Pvt., J10-29-18, Grant		
3204401	Sheehan, William T.			2869273	Wall, John R.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, Upton				Cpl., J10-3-18, W10-25-18		
3274544	Sigaloff, Samuel			2663887	Ward, Clayton		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, Taylor				Pvt., J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe		
3494941	Semerly, Rossie S.			3486515	Ware, Clyde		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe				Pvt., J10-3-18, Sherman		
3197273	Skiffington, Edward			3170032	Ware, Harrison		
	Pvt. 1cl., J10-3-18, Upton				Pvt., J10-3-18, S1-13-19		
2661537	Slagle, Elmer E.			3767220	Welter, David		
	Pvt., J10-3-18, Grant				Pvt., J10-29-18, T2-5-19		
3766965	Slaughter, Ray			3679143	Wetrosky, Arthur R.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, Taylor				Pvt., J10-29-18, Dodge		
3633454	Smith, Edgar P.			3494925	White, Jake J.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, T4-9-19				Pvt., J10-29-18, Gordon		
4081126	Smith, Fred			307881	Whittington, Leonard P.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, Dix				Pvt., J10-29-18, S5-7-19		
1605216	Sparrow, Newport W.			3503820	Williams, Henry H.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, Pike				Pvt., J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe		
1862112	Stafford, Taylor W.			3256337	Williams, John W.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, Lee				Pvt., J10-3-18, Shelby		
1998636	Stevens, James			3275263	Willis, Birdo		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, Taylor				Pvt., J10-29-18, T2-4-19		
3166419	Straus, Joseph L.			2869404	Wilson, Orie.		
	Pvt., J12-28-18, T2-4-19				Pvt., J10-3-18, Pike		
3169290	Struchen, John P.			3501409	Winburn, Vagar T.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, T2-4-19				Pvt., J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe		
3634424	Szymanski, Frank J.			4080332	Young, Oakley		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, Dix				Pvt., J10-29-18, S11-28-18		
2661026	Taylor, Walter G.			3499402	Young, Peter L.		
	Pvt., J10-3-18, Grant				Pvt., J10-29-18, Gordon		
2867299	Thomas, William N.			1033170	Zabchin, Capitan		
	Pvt., J10-29-18, Pike				Pvt., J10-29-18, T2-4-19		
				2426560	Zissler, Frank L.		
					Pvt., J10-29-18, D12-21-18		

CHAPTER XXVI

ROSTERS OF COMPANY F

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY,
MAY 30TH, 1918, ASSIGNED TO COMPANY F.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1387529	Achuff, Harry J.	Pvt.	Grant	2061724	Farina, Joseph E.	Cpl.	Grant
1387495	Albrecht, Fred, Jr.	Sgt.	W11-11-18	1387546	Farrar, Glenn N.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2155765	Alden, John L.	Sgt.	Dodge	2066984	Figas, Leon	Pvt.	Grant
1387501	Allison, Lyman J.	Cpl.	K8-9-18	1977572	Filbey, Ernest R.	Pvt.	Taylor
2066983	Amborski, Walter	Pvt.	Grant	1387505	Fox, John M.	Cpl.	Grant
1387530	Anderson, Arvid L.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387604	Frebel, Paul E.	Cpl.	W8-9-18
1387541	Anderson, John C.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387511	Gallay, Harry A.	Cpl.	Grant
1387538	Anderson, Theodore			1387605	Gentner, Clarence E.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
		Pvt. 1cl.	K8-9-18	1387547	Glebatis, Anthony	Pvt.	Grant
1387503	Armstrong, John W.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1387548	Goodman, Alfred E.	Cpl.	W8-9-18
1976121	Ash, Harry M.	Pvt.	88-9-18	1387549	Graf, Henry A.	Cook	Grant
1387533	Augustyne, Theodore E.			2154579	Gredell, James S.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
		Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2153568	Grenagel, Jacob C.	Pvt.	Grant
1387499	Babicky, James	Cpl.	W8-9-18	2061826	Gronau, John E.	Pvt.	Grant
1387589	Barna, Thomas	Pvt.	W10-9-18	2066959	Grzechowiak, Joseph	Pvt.	Grant
1387534	Barr, Melvin A.	Pvt. 1cl.	K7-2-18	2088532	Gustis, Alex	Pvt.	W10-14-18
1387497	Barzelle, Dee L.	Cpl.	Grant	2154587	Habenlank, Ben F.	Pvt.	T2-4-19
1387492	Beckman, Edward J.	Sgt.	W8-9-18	2155067	Hagan, George A.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
2061694	Beeler, Benjamin L.	Cpl.	W8-14-18	1387609	Hair, Leo S.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1105539	Behrman, Louis	Sgt.	T7-20-18	2077067	Hall, Thomas L.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1387590	Bezdou, William	Pvt.	W8-9-18	2153570	Halverson, Halbert	Pvt.	Dodge
1387591	Billa, John P.	Cpl.	Grant	1387550	Hanon, John T.	Pvt.	S8-4-18
2061808	Billman, Adam H.	Cpl.	T10-9-18	2153535	Hargrove, Reuben R.	Pvt.	Dodge
1387535	Blessing, Arthur H.			2154590	Hass, Alvin R.	Pvt.	Dodge
		Pvt. 1cl.	W9-26-18	2154301	Hasselton, Henry O.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
2154540	Boltho, John H.	Pvt.	Dodge	2153573	Haugen, Carl T.	Pvt.	Dodge
1387592	Bonner, John E.	Pvt.	Grant	1387552	Hellgren, Martin	Cpl.	K7-2-18
1387536	Brado, James A.			1387611	Henick, Frank	Pvt.	W8-9-18
		Pvt. 1cl.	W10-10-18	1387512	Hoag, Arthur	Sgt.	W8-9-18
1387593	Brannon, Charles R.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1387553	Hoffman, Joseph M.	Sp. Sgt.	Grant
2159360	Breck, Andrew	Pvt.	Dodge	1387612	Holmer, Ernest	Pvt.	Grant
1977806	Brown, Alonzo R.	Pvt.	Sherman	1977671	Holt, John G.	Pvt.	Sherman
1387523	Busse, George M.	Mech.	Grant	2154602	Huff, Ralph G.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1387594	Carlson, Arthur E.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1387554	Hude, Joseph C.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2061695	Claas, Edward H.	Cpl.	W8-9-18	2061900	Jackson, Frank	Pvt.	W10-8-18
1387595	Cohen, Julius	Pvt.	T4-1-19	1387555	Jamieson, Thomas B.		
1387596	Colclasure, Charles	Cook	Grant			Pvt. 1cl.	W9-26-18
1387539	Cope, Laverne	Cpl.	K8-9-18	1387613	Jauch, Howard	Pvt.	K8-10-18
1387597	Cornhaus, Henry R.	Pvt.	Grant	2558863	Johnson, Jonnie	Pvt.	Dodge
1387540	Coughlin, William J.			1387614	Joseph, Edwin J.	Pvt.	W11-11-18
		Pvt. 1cl.	W11-11-18	1977702	Judge, Fred C.	Pvt.	W11-11-18
1165541	Cowles, Fred S.	Sgt.	W11-11-18	2154104	Jutz, Nick L.	Pvt.	W10-12-18
1977871	Cox, Gordon	Pvt.	Taylor	1387525	Kalish, Sylvester	Pvt. 1cl.	W8-9-18
2087929	Crandall, Walter J.	Pvt.	Grant	1387557	Kater, George V.	Cpl.	K8-9-18
2016949	Czerwinski, Walter	Pvt.	Grant	1387615	Kesner, Edward E.	Pvt.	Grant
1387531	Dax, Frank J.	Pvt. 1cl.	K8-9-18	1387556	Kimball, Stephen A.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2061894	Deasey, Hubert A.	Pvt.	K8-9-18	1387616	Kimmeth, Joseph J.	Mech.	Grant
1387521	Dec, Edward	Cook	re-enlisted	1387617	Kolstad, Olaf	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1977501	Deerin, John W.	Pvt.	K8-9-18	1387558	Konfrst, Frank	Pvt. 1cl.	W10-8-18
1387598	Dersinski, John	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1976681	Krauss, Roy P.	Pvt.	Grant
1387516	Donovan, Paul J.	Pvt.	T9-8-18	2155339	Kubic, Edward R.	Pvt.	K8-9-18
1387599	Dornbeck, Joseph C.	Pvt.	Grant	2155340	Kuehnert, Walter A.	Pvt.	K8-9-18
1387600	Douglas, Charles S.	Cpl.	W10-10-18	1387515	Kuttanauer, Emanuel H.		
1387601	Eattinger, Edwin P.	Pvt.	Grant			Cpl.	88-14-18
1387542	Eaton, Leslie E.	Cpl.	W8-10-18	2155347	Larson, George E.	Pvt.	W10-16-18
1387543	Eckmann, John C.			2153845	Larson, John H.	Pvt.	W10-12-18
		Pvt. 1cl.	K9-26-18	1387490	Leach, Ray P.	Mess Sgt.	Grant
1387603	Elke, Edwin F.	Cpl.	Grant	2156348	LeBrasseur, John	Pvt.	W10-14-18
1387545	Erben, John	Pvt.	Grant	1387618	Lehecka, Frank	Pvt.	Grant
1387608	Erickson, Harry A.	Pvt.	Grant	2154147	Lemley, Ralph W.	Pvt.	Dodge
1387544	Evans, Carl B.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1977471	Leslie, Frank	Pvt.	W8-9-18

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1387506	Lindgren, Fred V....	Cpl., K8-9-18
1254856	Longren, Richard L....	Pvt., Dodge
1255356	Lundquist, Ed L....	Pvt., Dodge
1253590	Lyons, Leonard W....	Pvt., W8-9-18
1387520	Lynn, George.....	Pvt., Grant
1387559	McCarthy, Joseph E.	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1387526	McCray, Willis E....	Mech., Grant
1387560	Maasberg, Edwin C....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1254030	Mabbitt, Leonard R....	Pvt., Dodge
1253032	Machtemes, John A....	Pvt., W8-9-18
1387513	Mann, Walter H....	Cpl., W8-9-18
1387561	Maringer, Alvin F....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1978261	Martin, Carl L....	Pvt., T2-4-19
1387619	Mayberry, Edward V....	Pvt., Grant
1387563	Meyers, Arthur R....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1387504	Miller, Frank J., Jr.	Sgt., W11-11-18
1977676	Minger, Ed.....	Pvt., W8-9-18
1387507	Miske, Erwin.....	Cpl., W8-9-18
1387621	Mondra, Nick.....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1165485	Mook, Garrett.....	1st Sgt., Grant
1387564	Murphy, Frank E....	Cpl., W8-9-18
1387565	Nadreshen, John....	Cpl., Grant
1387622	Neidhardt, George....	Pvt., Grant
1255875	Nelson, Thomas B....	Pvt., W10-14-18
1387623	Nendze, Max.....	Pvt., Grant
1387514	Nielson, Marlinus....	Cpl., Grant
1977489	Nienstedt, Walter F....	Pvt., Sherman
1387638	O'Connell, William....	Pvt., W9-26-18
1387519	Ounjian, Moses....	Cook, T1-6-18
1387567	Pacelli, Thomas J....	Pvt., Grant
1387568	Pester, Floyd.....	Pvt., W10-8-18
2066912	Peterelevich, Mike....	Pvt., Grant
1263510	Peterson, Jens L....	Pvt., W8-9-18
1387569	Peterson, Svend M....	Cpl., W10-8-18
1255675	Peterson, Theodore....	Pvt., W10-14-18
1977491	Phillips, Artie S....	Pvt., Sherman
1387500	Piepho, William G....	Sgt., T10-9-18
2067005	Plichta, Walenty.....	Pvt., Grant
1263594	Podgorski, John....	Pvt., Dodge
2067006	Podowski, Joseph....	Pvt., Grant
1977678	Prather, John T....	Pvt., K8-9-18
1387625	Prindiville, Mitchell J.	Pvt., W8-9-18
2066972	Przybylski, Joseph....	Pvt., Grant
1387570	Reeb, Robert H....	Cpl., W8-9-18
1977604	Reed, Jimmie.....	Pvt., Taylor
1387510	Rich, Grant.....	Pvt., W8-9-18
1387571	Roberts, Don R....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1387493	Robinson, Leo.....	Sgt., T8-4-18
1387572	Rodick, Sam.....	Pvt. 1cl., W8-9-18
1387626	Rosenwald, Sam.....	Pvt., Grant
1387573	Russell, James W.	Pvt. 1cl., S10-14-18
2067011	Sarnoczynski, John....	Pvt., W8-9-18
2061759	Sauerman, Elmer A....	Pvt., W11-11-18
1255894	Saunders, Francis A....	Pvt., S8-1-18
2061760	Scheible, Joseph M....	Pvt., Grant
1255896	Schindler, Hubert J....	Pvt., Dodge
1978217	Schmidt, Edward E....	Pvt., S6-30-18

Number	Name	Rank Disposition
1387524	Schmidt, Paul B., Mech.,	K8-10-18
1387574	Schneider, George C.	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
2155903	Schuler, Joseph V....	Pvt., Dodge
2057408	Scotti, Joseph.....	Cpl., Merritt
1387587	Scurfield, Frank....	Pvt. 1cl., S7-25-18
1395223	Sheldon, Walter.....	Pvt., Grant
1387628	Showalter, James F.	Pvt., W10-14-18
1387577	Simms, Thomas J....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1387508	Slocum, Edward F....	Cpl., W8-9-18
1387469	Smith, Carter M....	Sgt., W8-9-18
1387578	Smith, John.....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1387579	Somnitz, Carl G....	Pvt. 1cl., W8-9-18
2067014	Sosnowski, John....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1387494	Stadlerman, Joseph J. Jr.	Cpl., S8-20-18
2067015	Stasiak, Thomas....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1387636	Stelnicki, Joseph S....	Sgt., Grant
1977900	Stephens, John H....	Pvt., W9-26-18
2061934	Studt, Alfred E....	Cpl., Grant
2066980	Szymczak, Joseph....	Pvt., W10-14-18
1165581	Thoric, Audin.....	Sgt., W8-9-18
1263514	Timblin, Archie R....	Pvt., Dodge
1977895	Tucker, Edward R....	Pvt., S11-10-19
1395365	Walder, William.....	Pvt., Grant
2067247	Walintinovich, Stanley	Pvt., Grant
2078815	Walsh, Andrew P....	Pvt., Grant
1387580	Walsh, Thomas....	Pvt. 1cl., W8-9-18
1387518	Wampole, Edward D.	Cpl., W10-14-18
1387491	Washa, James J....	Sgt., Grant
1387502	Wedel, Charles E....	Sgt., Grant
1387633	Welland, Joseph E....	Pvt., Grant
2156521	Weisgerber, Ralph H.	Pvt., W11-11-18
2155683	Wendland, Arthur R.	Pvt., W10-14-18
2155667	Wessels, John.....	Pvt., Dodge
1387581	Westin, Axel G....	Cpl., W10-14-18
1387632	Wiegert, Otto G....	Pvt., Grant
1387634	Wilkes, Joseph R....	Wag., Grant
1263543	Williams, Alvahe....	Pvt., S1-20-19
1263191	Winters, Richard C....	Pvt., W8-9-18
1387584	Wise, Alois.....	Pvt. 1cl., K8-9-18
2155928	Wodrich, William E....	Pvt., Dodge
2067020	Wojewoda, Thomas....	Pvt., W8-9-18
2066927	Wolmarski, Wadyslaw	Pvt., W10-14-18
1395368	Wolstedt, Elmer.....	Pvt., Grant
1978002	Woods, Arthur P....	Pvt., Sherman
2155672	Wright, George E....	Pvt., W10-14-18
2067021	Wronkowski, Walenty	Pvt., Grant
2153884	Wunchell, Lewis....	Pvt., Dodge
1387498	Yates, Edward C....	Cpl., W8-9-18
1387583	Yetto, Charles.....	Pvt., Grant
2163527	York, Albert.....	Pvt., re-enlisted
2067250	Zens, Charles P....	Pvt., Grant
1387585	Zientarski, Walter....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1387586	Zorn, Henry C....	Pvt., W8-9-18

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED ORGANIZATION LATER IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY F.

Number	Name	Rank Disposition
1387537	Bro, Isidor	Pvt. 1cl., J6-20-18, DW8-13-18
1387532	Carlin, William E.	Pvt. 1cl., J6-20-18, T9-14-18
1387602	Eckenroad, Chester G.	Pvt., J6-20-18, DW8-8-18
2088533	Gustafson, Hilding G.	Pvt., J6-20-18, DS7-20-18
2154827	Harvey, William H.	Pvt., J6-20-18, DE7-20-18

Number	Name	Rank Disposition
2155827	Huber, John C.	Pvt., J7-1-18, DW8-9-18
1387517	Jagielski, Paul	Pvt., J6-20-18, Grant
2058309	McFadden, Harry	Cpl., J6-20-18, Grant
1387630	Smotherman, Horace M.	Pvt., J6-20-18, S5-12-19

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS
REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY F.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3801974	Amundson, Knuth	Pvt.,	J10-23-18, Dodge	3175548	Dillon, Jerry L.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Lee
2870358	Anderson, William B.	Pvt.,	J10-23-18, Pike	2661371	Dite, Emil	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-10-18
3486843	Andrews, John C.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-10-18	3677785	Dolotallo, John	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, W11-11-18
4002695	Antle, Ernest	Pvt.,	J10-23-18, Dodge	2315204	Downing, Dennis	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, S5-10-19
3166266	Arthur, Osie E.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, K10-12-18	3168964	Dugan, Wills J.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, K10-14-18
3489129	Banks, Homer H.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-11-18	2657677	Eakin, Ray T.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Sherman
3175556	Banks, Tilman	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-16-18	3767221	Ebling, Daniel G.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
3486838	Barron, Fred	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Gordon	3168952	Eck, Clarence	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-8-18
3753328	Batker, John	Pvt.,	J10-23-18, Grant	2661280	Elasser, Jerome M.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Grant
3486896	Beard, Wm. M.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Gordon	3169856	England, Fitzhugh	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-9-18
3490899	Bennett, Edward	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Sherman	3169949	Erwin, Clyde	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-8-18
3337824	Berg, Oliver	Cpl.,	J10-23-18, Grant	1487607	Esquivel, Catarino	Pvt. lcl.,	J10-29-18, Bowie
1907596	Bloodgood, Louis	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Upton	2826108	Esser, Werner J.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, K11-11-18
2660623	Bodner, John E.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-16-18	2869369	Fair, Harley A.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Pike
4079822	Bolander, William G.	Pvt.,	J10-23-18, Dix	3746176	Fauteck, Phillip J.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W11-11-18
3174797	Bosak, Joseph	Pvt.,	J10-23-18, Dix	3340303	Fisher, Paul C. A.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, T11-3-18
3174742	Briggeland, Stephen	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-16-18	3803941	Fitzsimmons, Harold A.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, W11-11-18
2866880	Brown, Herman T.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	3497488	Fleming, Louis T.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, T4-25-19
3256310	Bullock, Walter G.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Shelby	3767185	Fletcher, Abe	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
4099654	Calarco, Giovanni	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Dix	3171618	Floto, Ralph E.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-14-18
3169777	Carroll, Harry	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-16-18	2661283	Fockler, Luther	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Grant
2662102	Cataldo, Domenick	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Grant	2865403	Ford, William H.	Cpl.,	J10-1-18, K10-14-18
2661358	Cavaletti, John	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Grant	2866879	Foster, John R.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3495692	Chambers, Carl F.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	2662002	France, Elsie	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Grant
3174716	Christman, Herbert	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix	3497604	Free, Carl L.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Gordon
2425722	Clegg, John	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Sherman	1967824	Freeze, Arthur J.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Sherman
2967457	Clough, Preston T.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Lee	2869373	Fry, Lem	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Pike
3767212	Coker, Hugh	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Taylor	3171757	Fuller, George S.	Pvt. lcl.,	T11-28-18, Dix
2823239	Combs, Frank	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Grant	3744351	Gallagan, Louis	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dodge
2315144	Comeau, Louis	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-17-18	1375211	Garcia, Frank	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Upton
2866868	Comer, Donald	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W11-10-18	3166226	Gillespie, William	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, K10-14-18
1942113	Connelly, Michael	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Sherman	3831294	Gillis, Joseph A.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, T4-11-19
2766607	Cook, Walter	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Shelby	3170438	Glessner, Ralph W.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Dix
3166290	Crouch, George O.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-16-18	2662909	Glover, Horace	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Grant
3750847	Dahlstadt, Arthur C.	Cpl.,	J10-29-18, Grant	3802314	Goetz, Sebastian P.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Dodge
3911625	Davidovich, Hatfey	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Bowie	3334504	Grandpre, George M.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dodge
3166967	Diclsco, Pasquale	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix	557788	Greenleaf, John W.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W11-11-18
3503450	Difiore, Clemente	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Grant	2814438	Grundquist, Archie R.	Pvt.,	J10-23-18, Dodge
2967457	Dillon, Michael	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, W10-10-18	1978028	Gwinn, Raymond E.	Cpl.,	J10-23-18, Sherman

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3170782	Hailey, John S.			3803821	Knuth, Fred		
2868112	Hamilton, Arthur C.	Cpl., J10-23-18, Lee		2082242	Kosick, Emil O.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Dodge	
4003271	Hanegan, Clifford	Pvt., J10-23-18, S5-14-19		3747615	Kral, Roy J.	Cpl., J10-23-18, Grant	
3267645	Hano, Wilbert	Pvt., J10-23-18, Dodge		2839951	Kutcher, James	Pvt., J10-29-18, Grant	
3803843	Hanover, Howard L.	Pvt., J10-29-18, W11-11-18		2299495	Lasher, Robert J.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Grant	
3802526	Hanson, Hans C.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Dodge		2822923	Laufenburg, Robert A.	Pvt., J10-23-18, Upton	
2426220	Harpester, Jonathan	Pvt., J10-1-18, Sherman		3175268	Laughley, George A.	Pvt., J10-23-18, T4-10-19	
3497482	Harrison, William H.	Pvt., J10-23-18, Gordon		3175169	Laws, Roy	Pvt., J10-1-18, Meade	
2662085	Hartman, Lewis	Pvt., J10-1-18, Grant		2968937	Lemon, James A.	Pvt., J10-1-18, W10-11-18	
2661322	Henry, David Q.	Sgt., J10-1-18, W10-14-18		2661285	Levering, Roy P.	Pvt., J10-1-18, W10-10-18	
2501741	Herriman, Warner	Pvt., J10-29-18, Taylor		2832943	Lindner, H. H.	Pvt., J10-1-18, Grant	
3175196	Hiles, John	Pvt., J10-29-18, Dix		3275157	Livingston, Neil	Pvt., J10-29-18, T11-3-18	
3501709	Hill, James R.	Pvt., J10-29-18, D1-3-19		3766984	Long, Phillip	Pvt., J10-29-18, W11-11-18	
3169923	Hillyard, Oral	Pvt., J10-1-18, W10-14-18		3275353	McCawley, Homer J.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Taylor	
3498110	Hinson, Rufus A.	Pvt., J10-23-18, Gordon		3767249	McDowell, Grover C.	Pvt., J10-1-18, Gordon	
3170344	Holtz, Harry E.	Pvt., J10-1-18, W10-14-18		2860727	McElroy, Albert L.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Taylor	
2661915	Hood, Archibald B.	Cpl., J10-1-18, Sherman		2830772	Marron, Charles	Pvt., J10-29-18, Pike	
2866903	Hoover, Gaston F.	Cpl., J10-1-18, W10-12-18		2868980	Martin, Barcle C.	Pvt., J10-23-18, Grant	
3802222	Hotovic, Joe	Pvt., J10-29-18, Dodge		380889	Matthews, Michael	Pvt., J10-29-18, Pike	
3498157	Howell, John	Pvt., J10-29-18, W10-16-18		2429189	Meyer, Edward A.	Pvt., J10-1-18, S2-12-19	
3171448	Hudgens, James M.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Lee		1866127	Mills, Lee S.	Pvt., J10-23-18, Sherman	
3803404	Huehn, Norman L.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Dodge		4085916	Minotti, Dominick	Pvt., J10-23-18, Pike	
3174798	Hughes, John	Pvt., J10-1-18, W11-11-18		3173051	Morgandollar, Clarence	Pvt., J10-23-18, Dix	
2831291	Hunt, William E.	Pvt., J10-29-18, T1-3-18		4002824	Mote, Samuel	Pvt., J10-23-18, W11-11-18	
3748646	Immell, Russell	Pvt., J10-29-18, Grant		2753470	Mutchler, Wilson B.	Pvt., J10-23-18, S11-20-18	
2500581	Ingrum, John M.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe		2868096	Newman, Dillard	Pvt., J10-23-18, Grant	
3169920	Isner, James	Pvt., J10-1-18, W10-14-18		2661721	Nordeen, Ernest A.	Pvt., J10-23-18, Shelby	
3171349	Jackson, Joe	Pvt., J10-1-18, K10-14-18		3147838	Palmer, Earl Thompson	Cpl., J10-1-18, W10-12-18	
2858993	James, Albert L.	Pvt., J10-1-18, W10-17-18		2873579	Parham, Herbert B.	Pvt., J10-29-18, W10-14-18	
2426736	James, Raymond F.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Sherman		2872271	Parmley, Ezra	Pvt., J10-29-18, W11-11-18	
3485869	Janish, Joseph H.	Pvt., J10-1-18, Grant		2482806	Patterson, Carlos E.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	
3802471	Jensen, Christian	Pvt., J10-29-18, W11-11-18		3275289	Paulin, Sidney F.	Pvt., J10-1-18, W10-8-18	
3804014	Jensen, Martin L.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Dodge		3275357	Payne, Orvil B.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Gordon	
3803197	Johnson, Elmer H.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Dodge		3275148	Peets, William	Pvt., J10-29-18, K11-11-18	
3775966	Johnson, Thorston	Pvt., J10-29-18, Grant		3501670	Pickens, Farrell R.	Pvt., J10-29-18, D1-21-19	
3802105	Juhl, Ulrick	Pvt., J10-29-18, Dodge		2872242	Pittman, James T.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	
2662977	Karcher, Adolph A.	Pvt., J10-1-18, Sherman		3486247	Plummer, Harry	Pvt., J10-29-18, W10-14-18	
2662036	Kaschak, George, Jr.	Pvt., J10-1-18, Grant		3329905	Pooler, Alvin E.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Grant	
2661367	Kemp, Curtis	Pvt., J10-23-18, Grant		3767203	Pritchett, Charlie C.	Pvt., J10-29-18, Taylor	
2818404	Kingston, Clarence	Pvt., J10-23-18, T2-24-19		3501702	Pruetti, George	Pvt., J10-29-18, W11-11-18	
3329695	Klingbeil, Herbert	Pvt., J10-23-18, Grant		2825206	Rarity, John	Pvt., J10-29-18, Grant	
2661388	Knefer, August J.	Pvt., J10-1-18, Grant					

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2661444	Ratayczak, Joseph			2426773	Stecker, Louis		
	Pvt., J10-1-18,		W10-14-18		Pvt., J10-1-18,		W10-17-18
2827142	Reed, James W.			2111834	Stewart, Clarence E.		
	Pvt., J10-23-18,		W11-11-18		Pvt., J10-29-18,		Dodge
2825900	Richards, Dick			3751829	Stone, Lee F.		
	Pvt., J10-23-18,		Grant		Pvt., J10-29-18,		Grant
3767025	Ries, Herman			2915284	Stuart, Carlton C. C. L.		
	Pvt., J10-23-18,		Taylor		Pvt., J10-29-18,		Ft. D. A. Russell
4084482	Riso, August			2661980	Sulin, William		
	Pvt., J10-23-18,		Dix		Pvt., J10-1-18,		W10-15-18
2082247	Roennan, Peter			3499208	Sumner, William		
	Pvt., J10-29-18,		T11-3-18		Pvt., J10-29-18,		K11-11-18
2869256	Ross, William T.			2080895	Svobodny, Joseph L.		
	Cpl., J10-1-18,		T2-1-19		Pvt., J10-23-18,		Dodge
2824975	Ryan, Patrick A.			3774229	Szyllowski, Frank J.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18,		Grant		Pvt., J10-23-18,		W11-11-18
3767413	Saeger, Christian			3486887	Terry, Howard H.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18,		Taylor		Pvt., J10-1-18,		Gordon
2872804	Sanders, Ventry			3751475	Thoma, Otto J.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18,		S1-20-19		Pvt., J10-3-18,		Grant
3767384	Scheer, Charlie			2661909	Thomas Wm. M.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18,		K11-11-18		Pvt., J10-1-18,		Grant
2825985	Schneider, George L.			3486829	Tumlin, Guy		
	Pvt., J10-29-18,		Grant		Pvt., J10-29-18,		Gordon
3489217	Scott, Albert			3751866	Unseth, Earl H.		
	Pvt., J10-1-18,		W10-14-18		Pvt., J10-29-18,		T11-3-18
3737995	Scott, Carson P.			3121217	Vest, Hubert A.		
	Pvt., J10-23-18,		T4-10-19		Pvt., J10-29-18,		Meade
3486950	Seagraves, Claude			2299681	Vesper, Emil		
	Pvt., J10-29-18,		Gordon		Pvt., J10-29-18,		Devens
3748341	Seaman, Byron L.			4085644	Villard, Anthony		
	Pvt., J10-23-18,		Grant		Pvt., J10-29-18,		Missing
3486268	Sewell, John J.			3767012	Walker, Clarence		
	Pvt., J10-23-18,		Gordon		Pvt., J10-1-18,		W10-8-18
2868065	Shilling, Henry C.			2869324	Walker, William		
	Pvt., J10-23-18,		S12-10-18		Sgt., J10-23-18,		W10-8-18
3338074	Short, Loren E.			3486829	Wallis, Richard L.		
	Pvt., J10-23-18,		Dodge		Pvt., J10-23-18,		Sherman
380834	Simons, Ray			2661598	Weber, Walter		
	Pvt., J10-23-18,		W11-11-18		Pvt., J10-1-18,		Grant
517968	Slade, George			2829051	Westfall, Frank		
	Pvt., J10-23-18,		K11-11-18		Pvt., J10-29-18,		Grant
3486840	Smith, William M.			3490258	White, George		
	Pvt., J10-1-18,		Gordon		Cpl., J10-1-18,		Grant
2084893	Solseth, Leonard			2661801	Williams, Ernest		
	Pvt., J10-29-18,		Dodge		Sgt., J10-1-18,		Grant
2662087	Stanley, Lonzo			2823532	Wood, Earl W.		
	Pvt., J10-29-18,		Grant		Pvt., J10-23-18,		Grant
3486269	Starrett, Homer L.			4080202	Zaccardilli, John		
	Pvt., J10-1-18,		S5-14-19		Pvt., J10-1-18,		W11-11-18

CHAPTER XXVII

ROSTERS OF COMPANY G

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY,
MAY 30, 1918, ASSIGNED TO COMPANY G.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1977384	Adams, Ira.....	Pvt.	Taylor	1387756	Foster, John.....	Cpl.	Grant
2063296	Albrecht, Irwin C....	Pvt.	K8-9-18	2086494	Frederickson, Norman D.		Pvt., Grant
1387697	Allen, William B.....	Cpl.	K8-9-18	1387757	Fuller, George A....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387738	Archer, LaVerne....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1977853	Gagen, Louis L.....	Pvt.	K8-9-18
1387698	Arnold, Ralph.....	Cpl.	W9-26-18	1387687	Geraghty, Frank P....	Cpl.	Grant
1387739	Bartholomew, Rollin E.		Pvt., W10-9-18	2161043	Giles, Charles A....	Pvt.	W8-9-18
2152300	Beguelli, Paul E....	Pvt.	W10-10-18	2161071	Giles, Darwin J.....	Pvt.	Dodge
1387699	Bell, Harold G. Pvt. 1cl.		W10-10-18	1387758	Gillum, Arthur.....	Pvt.	W10-9-18
1387740	Belter, Louis.....	Pvt.	Grant	1387681	Gumb, Irwin C....	Cpl.	S10-25-18
1977683	Bentley, James F....	Pvt.	Sherman	2161171	Gunn, Howard L....	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1387700	Black, Walter A. Pvt. 1cl.		K8-9-18	1387712	Guy, John T.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2058744	Blakeslee, Harry W....	Pvt.	Grant	1387683	Haener, Walter R....	Cpl.	Grant
2063552	Bliesner, Jesse M....	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1387694	Hall, George D.		Pvt. 1cl., W10-10-18
1387792	Boddy, William E.		Pvt. 1cl., S1-10-19	2152543	Hall, William E.....	Pvt.	Grant
1387675	Booth, Wm. C.....	Cpl.	Grant	2063211	Hamilton, George W. E.		Mech., K10-9-18
2061802	Brenner, Frank M. Pvt.		W8-9-18	1977699	Hand, Loyd.....	Pvt.	S10-9-18
2058746	Bridgestock, Walter B. Pvt.		Grant	2152601	Hansel, Clarence D....	Pvt.	Dodge
2077952	Bue, John.....	Pvt.	T11-29-18	1387657	Hanson, Robert C. Sgt.		T7-27-18
1387743	Buechner, John.....	Pvt.	Grant	2161089	Hanson, William A. Pvt.		K8-9-18
2058747	Burkhart, Howard H.		Pvt., S11-18-18	2152353	Hardy, Wilbur J....	Pvt.	Dodge
1387744	Burns, Howard H. Pvt.		W8-30-18	1387675	Harner, Herbert E. Sgt.		W9-26-18
1387701	Busk, Leo E.....	Cpl.	S10-25-18	2162149	Harrom, John O....	Pvt.	S10-6-18
1387707	Carlson, George. Pvt. 1cl.		W8-9-18	2152603	Hathaway, Charles I. Pvt.		Dodge
1387745	Cathelyn, Mell. Pvt. 1cl.		W10-12-18	2152604	Hebb, Addison H....	Pvt.	W8-19-18
2057703	Chaplin, Louis.....	Cpl.	S8-6-18	1387660	Hegberg, Leslie W. Sgt.		W10-9-18
1387707	Chennell, Arthur A..	Cook.	Grant	2087326	Heintz, Henry B....	Pvt.	Grant
1977476	Cherry, Walter R. Pvt.		S10-25-18	1387715	Hickey, James T....	Pvt.	D2-23-19
1387746	Cisler, Anton C.....	Pvt.	Grant	2063689	Hirsch, Walter.....	Pvt.	Grant
1387794	Cohen, Carl K.....	Pvt.	Grant	1387696	Hotchkiss, Walter J. Cpl.		S10-9-18
1387686	Conrad, Harry J....	Cpl.	Grant	1386077	Howe, Leslie W....	Pvt.	W10-10-18
2058131	Coppotelli, Frank....	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1397763	Hoy, Joseph E.....	Cpl.	Grant
2058716	Corliss, Edward N. Pvt.		W8-9-18	1387715	Jancuis, Joseph. Pvt. 1cl.		K9-26-18
2063500	Cornelius, John A....	Pvt.	Grant	1977672	Jennings, Lawrence. Pvt.		Sherman
1387655	Corning, Walter D. Mess Sgt.		Grant	1387761	Johnson, Paul J....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387705	Corso, Charles C. Pvt.		1cl., Grant	1387679	Jones, William.....	Sgt.	Grant
2077938	Dahl, Arthur L.....	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1387688	Judson, William L. Cpl.		T6-20-18
1387749	Daley, John H.....	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1387763	Kapvepage, George		Pvt. 1cl., W10-9-18
1387706	Danis, Arthur L....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2063311	Karel, John.....	Pvt.	K11-10-18
1977686	Day, Charles E.....	Pvt.	S8-6-18	2063693	Kennedy, Earl R....	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1387750	DeGreve, Jules.....	Pvt.	W10-9-18	1387717	Kertzman, Joseph C.		Pvt. 1cl., Sherman
1387751	DenDooven, Alphonse. Pvt.		Grant	1977890	Kinz, Albert H....	Pvt.	Sherman
2160330	Devine, Pat E.....	Pvt.	Grant	1387764	Kleinschmidt, Charles F.		Pvt. 1cl., W10-10-18
1395480	Dineen, Michael P....	Pvt.	Grant	2063402	Koepsell, Edward H. Pvt.		W8-9-18
2077910	Dodder, William O. Mech.		Custer	1387718	Kominski, Peter J....	Cpl.	Grant
1387709	Doran, William C. Pvt. 1cl.		Grant	2151369	Kosnoff, James H. Pvt.		Dodge
2058139	Driscoll, Edward L. Pvt.		K10-9-18	1387719	Kostak, Frank J. Pvt.		W10-10-18
1387659	Dyer, Russell J.....	Sgt.	Grant	1387695	Kratochvel, Jerry R.		Mech., W8-9-18
2058753	Eklund, Oscar W....	Pvt.	W8-9-18	2150375	Kruckow, Morris....	Pvt.	Dodge
2058752	Eckman, Daniel D....	Pvt.	Grant	1387720	Kubli, Walter R. Pvt. 1cl.		K8-9-18
1387684	Ellis, Charles W....	Cpl.	W8-9-18	1387721	Kujawa, Thomas....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2058142	Ervin, Robert V.....	Pvt.	Grant	2151375	Landsberg, Albin. Pvt.		W10-10-18
1387754	Faugsted, Frank J....	Pvt.	Grant	1387693	Lepton, John P....	Cpl.	S10-9-18
2077963	Fegan, Patrick P....	Pvt.	K8-9-18				
1387711	Ferguson, Franklin C.		Pvt. 1cl., W10-9-18				
1978246	Fisher, William W. Pvt.		Sherman				
2058791	Flynn, John L.....	Pvt.	Grant				
1387755	Fosse, Albert.....	Pvt.	K10-9-18				

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1387723	Leake, William A.	Cpl.	W10-9-18	1977892	Russell, Charles L.	Pvt.	Sherman
1387267	Lynch, William P.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2060895	Sassana, Louis	Pvt.	Grant
2154865	McBrown, Joseph H.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	2060936	Scaletta, Sam.	Pvt.	Grant
2155112	McClelland, Earl F.	Pvt.	S10-25-18	1387678	Schliński, Joseph	Cpl.	D9-26-18
2154631	McCoey, William H.	Pvt.	Dodge	1387670	Schoenecker, Frank V.	Cook	Grant
1387690	McIntosh, Delso V.	Cpl.	Grant	1387779	Schultz, Eli H.	Pvt.	K10-9-18
1387666	McIntosh, Donald J.	Sgt.	Grant	2060937	Schultz, John	Pvt.	Grant
1387661	McIntosh, Horace H.	Sgt.	S8-20-18	1387787	Schwab, Edward A.	Pvt.	S10-9-18
2155114	Manderfield, William	Pvt.	Dodge	1975660	Sheppard, Joseph A.	Pvt.	Grant
2060934	Mann, Willard J.	Pvt.	K8-9-18	2155407	Sherrocks, Rollin A.	Pvt.	Dodge
2154150	Martin, Edward J.	Pvt.	S4-9-19	1387732	Sibrava, James J.	Pvt. 1cl.	D8-9-18
1387768	Mathiesen, Arthur M.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2086740	Sidery, Stevet	Pvt.	S7-29-18
1387769	Matson, Martin	Pvt.	S8-1-18	1387792	Sierzga, Albert	Pvt.	Cpl. Grant
2155365	Matson, Wiles M.	Pvt.	K8-9-18	2061028	Silvers, John H.	Pvt.	S8-30-18
1387796	Meisner, John W.	Pvt.	S11-29-18	1387788	Silverstein, Ben M.	Pvt.	Grant
2153361	Messick, Clyde P.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	1977613	Singleton, Custer	Pvt.	D9-26-18
2154871	Mick, Lyle M.	Pvt.	W9-26-18	1387733	Sirovatka, William F.	Pvt.	W10-9-18
1387691	Miller, Arthur J.	Cpl.	Grant	2061158	Smith, Arthur D.	Pvt.	Grant
2154172	Miller, Roy M.	Pvt.	Dodge	1387789	Smith, Charles H.	Pvt.	Grant
1977525	Miller, Virgil F.	Pvt.	Sherman	2064760	Smith, John F.	Pvt.	S7-29-18
2155118	Minnick, Harold C.	Pvt.	K8-9-18	1387676	Sorenson, Leay C.	Pvt.	Cpl. Grant
1977706	Minkner, John W.	Pvt.	Sherman	1977893	Spicher, George F.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
2154328	Molde, Lawrence S.	Pvt.	Dodge	2154909	Stravers, William	Pvt.	Dodge
1387770	Mosenson, Joseph	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2154113	Stule, Frank	Pvt.	Dodge
1387725	Moser, George H.	Cpl.	Grant	1387689	Tolby, Earl L.	Cpl.	Grant
1387771	Muhlke, Orin H.	Pvt.	S10-9-18	1387680	Thomas, Theodore C.	Cpl.	Grant
1387772	Murray, John J.	Pvt. 1cl.	K8-9-18	1977514	Thurston, Floyd R.	Pvt.	W9-26-18
1386223	Nelson, Frank A.	Pvt.	T9-10-18	2086874	Torchio, Antonio	Pvt.	Grant
2061181	Nordin, Hadad M.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	1387674	Torset, Alfred O.	Sgt.	Grant
1978004	Norman, Maurice	Pvt.	K10-9-18	2086874	Torset, Alfred O.	Sgt.	Grant
2061021	Norton, Frank	Pvt.	Grant	2153918	Totten, Guy E.	Pvt.	Dodge
1387664	Notzold, Richard	Sp. Sgt.	Grant	1387790	Van Alstine, Alfonso L.	Pvt.	Dodge
2053876	Oberg, Arthur S.	Pvt.	D10-25-18		Vankeerbilck, Rene	Pvt.	W10-9-18
1387773	Opsoner, Raymond	Pvt.	K8-9-18	2065248	Villano, Ralph	Pvt.	S10-9-18
1387727	Osborne, William H.	Pvt. 1cl.	W8-9-18	2153625	Walum, Einar	Pvt.	Dodge
1387671	Owings, Elmer L.	Cook	Grant	2088667	Ward, Frank B.	Pvt.	Grant
1387774	Owens, Thomas	Pvt.	Grant	2156485	Webbeking, Emil E.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
2061226	Pape, John	Pvt.	S12-16-18	2154353	Weeks, Ralph W.	Pvt.	Dodge
1387776	Patterson, Luther M.	Pvt.	Grant	1387791	Weight, Fred	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1977598	Patton, James	Pvt.	W10-9-18	1387792	Weis, Joseph T.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387777	Paulsen, Frank	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2072729	Welk, George W.	Pvt.	W10-9-18
1387778	Perry, Joseph E.	Pvt.	Grant	1387663	Wesche, Harry C.	Sgt.	Grant
1387786	Peterson, John T.	Cpl.	W10-9-18	1387936	Wester, Walter M.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1387780	Peterson, Augie	Pvt.	W8-9-18	2154090	Westerlund, Sigurd W.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
2060915	Peterson, Wright W.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	2154419	Weyrauch, Emil	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1387682	Plant, Frank W.	Cpl.	S10-25-18	2153556	Wheaton, Arlie J.	Pvt.	Dodge
1388728	Platt, Louis	Pvt. 1cl.	K10-9-18	1977635	Wheeler, Dale L.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1387781	Pollack, Thomas S.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387735	White, Albert W.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387782	Pratt, Clarence O.	Pvt.	W9-26-18	1387737	Wieck, Charles	Pvt. 1cl.	W10-9-18
1387654	Pratt, Merrit C.	1st Sgt.	T10-2-18	2154115	Wiegel, Jay	Pvt.	W8-9-18
2061026	Quinn, James A.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	2154355	Wiger, Ned N.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1387730	Radzinski, John H.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2086875	Wilkins, George D.	Pvt.	S2-21-19
2154778	Ralls, Harold G.	Pvt.	W10-25-18	1387793	Williams, John R.	Pvt.	Grant
1387783	Redemsker, Walter A.	Pvt.	W8-9-18	1387795	Wojcik, Joseph	Pvt.	Grant
2060993	Rettinger, Martin A.	Pvt.	S10-9-18	2088693	Woodcock, James F.	Pvt.	Grant
1387784	Robinson, Floyd	Pvt.	Grant	2154882	Woods, William J.	Pvt.	S11-26-18
1387785	Rosenfeld, Charles	Pvt.	Grant	2088082	Yenta, August F.	Pvt.	W8-9-18
1392634	Rosenthal, Samuel	Pvt.	D2-3-19	2154420	Zeien, Maurice P.	Pvt.	S7-29-18
2061171	Rosetti, Louis	Pvt.	W10-9-18	2155430	Zelle, Arthur	Pvt.	Dodge
1387731	Roza, Aloysius A.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2154049	Zettel, Howard P.	Pvt.	K8-9-18
				2088084	Zetterstrom, Roy S.	Pvt.	Grant
				2154937	Zickel, Clarence E.	Pvt.	W8-9-18

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED ORGANIZATION LATER IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY G.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2058138	Dolan, Augustus	Pvt.	S10-25-18	1387775	Paolak, Ditta F.	Pvt.	W8-30-18
3357684	Dougherty, Walter J.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix	1165574	Richter, Louis	Sgt.	W8-30-18
1596948	Drago, Peter	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Pike	2154412	Weinberg, Henry G.	Pvt.	Dodge
1387669	Gregory, Adelbrit E.	Cook	S5-10-19	2154940	Weinstein, Milton I.	Pvt.	W8-30-18
1387724	Liptak, Matthew	Pvt. 1cl.	W8-30-18	2155185	Zalewski, John L.	Pvt. 1cl.	Dodge

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ROSTER OF SOLDIERS TRANSFERRED TO 131ST INFANTRY AFTER ARRIVAL IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY G.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1394598	Anderson, Walter R.	Pvt.,	J11-17-18, Grant	2128873	Pierce, Henry J.	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Ft. Oglethorpe
377943	Buonosera, Frank	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Upton	3499493	Ragan, Harvey	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Gordon
3775067	Dunivon, John	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Dodge	2661397	Rock, Lewis R.	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Grant
2704816	EGGE, Henry G.	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Dodge	3166419	Strause, Joseph L.	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Lee
2870743	Lay, Alvie L.	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Pike	3169290	Struchen, John F.	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Dix
2866342	Millican, Melton	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Shelby	2107767	Underwood, William	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Ft. Oglethorpe
1386223	Nelson, Frank A.	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Grant	3275363	Willis, Birdo	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Gordon
3171317	Nicely, Thomas L.	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Lee	1033170	Zabchin, Capitan	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Dix
2872911	Orr, William V.	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Ft. Oglethorpe				

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED THE 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY G.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2869483	Adams, Ellis S.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, W10-9-18	2968906	Cobbs, Herman E.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, S10-9-18
3804955	Allgauer, Albert J.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Upton	2661752	Conner, Marion	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Grant
3805699	Anderson, Eddie B.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dodge	1497698	Cope, Harris	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Bowie
3804648	Anderson, Irwin S.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, S11-18-18	2848322	Corcoran, Thomas	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Taylor
3171622	Arnold, Samuel	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, W11-8-18	3170756	Davis, Len W.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, Lee
3804608	Ashcraft, William E.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, S11-8-18	3502010	Dean, Will	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
4085633	Bahadouris, John	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix	3264406	Dodd, Willie E.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
2205621	Baker, Lee M.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, D10-9-18	2702699	Doyen, Hil H.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dodge
3803620	Bakker, Harm W.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dodge	3170765	Dozier, Willie O.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, W10-10-18
2969112	Ball, Ernest T.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, Meade	1483032	Drennan, Hushel	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Pike
4085582	Balzarini, Federico	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix	3526304	Durham, Levy B.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
3804371	Bates, Floyd D.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dodge	3275473	Durr, Ira.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Shelby
3169048	Beasley, Earnest A.	Pvt. lcl.,	J10-3-18, Lee	2661381	Ecclis, Roy J.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, W10-10-18
3766901	Bender, Edwin	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor	3266120	Edwards, Raymond	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, S11-19-18
2969214	Bess, Everett	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, T2-11-18	3171122	Fisher, Howard H.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, Meade
3225646	Best, Glen F.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dodge	3169600	Folmer, Carl J.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, Meade
3170849	Blalock, Tom D.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, Lee	3486399	Foster, Fred.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, Gordon
3166645	Bomar, Robert L.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, Lee	2299534	Gambounis, Emmanuel A.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, K10-9-18
2872959	Boyd, Alonzo N.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, S10-9-18	3485700	Gammen, Elmer J.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, W10-10-18
3357539	Boyer, Clay E.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Sherman	2662078	Gassler, Andrew J.	Cpl.,	J10-3-18, Grant
3803627	Braasch, Arthur C.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dodge	3755810	Gerrick, Martin O.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dodge
3485229	Brush, Simon P.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Grant	2659671	Gigandet, Lewis P.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Sherman
2967602	Buchanan, Levy A.	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, K11-10-18	3767174	Gregory, Charles A.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
2967607	Butler, Harry	Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Lee	3803675	Grider, Daniel E.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, T2-11-19
4085616	Cassini, Guseppi	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Sherman	3803693	Grider, Davis W.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, T2-11-19
2952195	Castellucci, Pasquale	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, S12-27-18	2566614	Harper, Dee B.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2969234	Christian, Charles	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, Meade	3174767	Harrity, John F.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, S1-27-19
				3160089	Harvey, Walter D.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, S10-9-18

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2661329	Hejda, Louis	Pvt.	J9-28-18, W10-10-18	4080048	Morris, Samuel C.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
2872620	Hickerson, Vernon A.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	4086229	Mowers, Walter	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T2-12-19
3489506	Hixson, Earl E.	Cpl.	J9-29-18, K10-9-18	2872782	Moyers, Robert L.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3803854	Holst, John G., Jr.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge	4085636	Mullin, John.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
4079792	Holzer, Howard C.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix	4086157	Mundell, Harry N.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
2872786	Horton, Alton	Pvt.	J9-28-18, W11-10-18	3681466	Muri, Stephen	Pvt.	J10-28-18, Dodge
3166597	Howell, Albert	Pvt.	J9-28-18, Meade	2661270	Neal, Roy.	Pvt.	J9-28-18, Grant
3169952	Huber, George W.	Pvt.	J1-6-19, S2-4-19	3624400	Newcomer, John W.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Lee
2872962	Hudgins, George	Pvt.	J9-28-18, K10-9-18	4086156	Newland, Russell G.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
3503824	Huguley, Zack M.	Pvt.	J1-6-19, Gordon	2868692	Norris, Lee A. R.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3803637	Hunt, James A.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor	3485516	Nowicki, Charles	Pvt.	J9-28-18, T2-11-19
2182438	Hunter, Bert M.	Pvt.	J9-28-18, Taylor	3636316	O'Brien, James B.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
3767152	Hutt, William A.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge	2872304	Orman, William R.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Pike
3485782	Hyatt, Everett	Pvt.	J10-3-18, W10-10-18	2872964	Perry, William H.	Pvt.	J9-28-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3803713	Jacobs, Ralph V.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge	2433679	Powell, Russell D.	Pvt.	J9-28-18, W10-9-18
3915362	Jesser, John C.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. D. A. Russell	4085698	O'Toole, John.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
3767022	Jones, Harold E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor	3171336	Palmer, John W.	Pvt.	J9-28-18, S12-16-18
3766930	Jordan, Charley	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor	4085439	Pechulis, Frank E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
2662023	Katcher, Lottir B.	Pvt. 1cl.	J10-3-18, T2-11-19	4085635	Pendergrass, Charles F.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
4084256	Kathalynas, John J.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix	4079885	Petros, Joseph.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
4084320	Kelly, Martin J.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, W11-10-18	2872764	Phillips, Danial C.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, W11-10-18
2299739	Kyritsis, Arthur	Pvt.	J9-28-18, K10-9-18	2872599	Phipps, Frederick	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3166221	Linton, Robert E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, S10-9-18	2868625	Pippenger, Isaac N.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3802542	Loewenberg, Albert P.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T2-11-19	2868601	Prevett, Joseph P.	Pvt.	J9-28-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3803641	Loof, John	Pvt.	J10-29-18, K11-10-18	2868592	Prince, John C.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, S10-9-18
3165311	Lunceford, Ernest G.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Lee	2315225	Rankin, Leroy	Pvt. 1cl.	J9-28-18, Sherman
2867998	McCarty, Bill	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Pike	3171279	Rankin, Robert L.	Pvt.	J9-28-18, W10-10-18
3264855	McGinnis, James C.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor	4004766	Retman, Carl F.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, S4-9-19
2661269	McKay, Frank	Pvt. 1cl.	J1-6-19, Grant	2872800	Robinson, Daniel G.	Pvt.	J9-28-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3270269	McNiel, George C.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, S11-10-18	3486603	Robinson, Elmer O.	Pvt.	J9-28-18, W10-10-18
2299508	Maciag, Andizez	Pvt.	J9-28-18, Upton	3490928	Rorah, Clyde	Pvt.	J9-28-18, S10-9-18
4085560	Marmo, Joseph S.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix	2658079	Ryan, William L.	Pvt.	J9-28-18, Sherman
3489723	Mason, Anthony F.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Sherman	3486364	Sanders, Ernest S.	Pvt.	J9-28-18, Gordon
3767150	Martz, Howard B.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor	3628988	Setser, Clarence E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Meade
1236402	Meckoskey, Stanley	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix	3176466	Short, James B.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Lee
3486721	Mercer, Charles M.	Pvt.	J9-28-18, S10-9-18	2873987	Simmons, William T.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3501669	Mikels, Lewis L.	Pvt.	J1-6-19, Ft. Oglethorpe	1852491	Simpson, Sam J.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, W11-10-18
3212650	Miller, Whit	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Gordon	3767208	Snead, Floyd W.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor
2872518	Mizell, John W.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Shelby	4082620	Solomon, Niclo.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
3767151	Montgomery, Fred F.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor	2426545	Springstead, Frank H.	Pvt.	J1-6-19, Sherman
4079800	Moore, John.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix	3488255	Straube, William	Pvt.	J9-28-18, W10-9-18
3501654	Moore, Virgil P.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	3499333	Suggs, William S.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Gordon
				3179568	Swisher, Thomas G.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Lee
				3167077	Taylor, John D.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Meade

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3624709	Tomlin, Parish W.			3487911	Vizzere, Grovanni		
		Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Lee			Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix
3557326	Triphon, Louis			3501745	Webster, Joe		
		Pvt.,	J9-28-18, K11-10-19			Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3674533	Treftz, David...	Pvt.,	J1-5-19, Dix	3767220	Welter, David		
2429229	Turner, Lochie					Pvt.,	J1-6-19, Taylor
		Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Sherman	2661376	Wesley, James		
4078945	Ukas, John					Pvt.,	J9-28-18, S10-9-18
		Pvt.,	J10-29-18, W11-10-18	3767297	Wolfangel, Frank		
2858493	Underwood, Homer O.					Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
		Pvt.,	J9-28-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	3166347	Wright, Ruña		
3169943	Utterback, Luther A.					Pvt.,	J9-28-18, W10-10-18
		Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Meade	4086450	Zure, John...	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix

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ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY,
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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1977379	Adams, Bruce.....	Pvt.	Taylor	No No.	Diamond, Harry....	Pvt.	W10-25-18
2060733	Albert, Carl.....	Pvt.	Grant	1387851	Dieterle, Michael....	Pvt.	K10-9-18
2077913	Allaben, Frank E....	Pvt.	W10-25-18	2058719	Dietz, Frank.....	Pvt.	W9-10-18
2077934	Allan, George.....	Pvt.	Grant	1387852	Dominick, Joe H.....	Cpl.	Grant
1387815	Alex, Jake.....	Cpl.	Grant	1387853	Donovan, Daniel J....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387817	Appelt, Leo.....	Mech.	W10-25-18	1387854	Doonan, Ernest.....	Pvt.	Grant
1387816	Antomare, Rafele....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387855	Dorman, Rialdo.....	Pvt.	K9-26-16
1387818	Armato, Joe.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387856	Duncan, John A....	Pvt. 1cl.	D5-26-19
2077906	Babcock, Clifford....	Cpl.	Grant	1387857	Dusek, Jerry M.....	Cpl.	Grant
1387819	Badzmir, Louis A....	Cpl.	Grant	1387858	Eddy, James M., Jr....	Cpl.	T10-25-18
1387820	Baker, Charles I....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387860	Emmart, Charles....	Sp. Sgt.	Grant
1387821	Barnes, Leslie A....	Pvt. 1cl.	W8-9-18	1387872	Fahey, Anthony.....	Pvt.	Grant
1976389	Baynes, SI.....	Pvt.	W8-30-18	1387863	Fairman, Sol. C.....	Cpl.	Grant
1387822	Beato, John.....	Cpl.	Grant	1387864	Farnl, Christian....	Pvt. 1cl.	D5-25-19
1387823	Beckfors, Harry W....	Pvt. 1cl.	S4-18-19	2081189	Fitzwilliams, Walter....	Pvt.	K8-11-18
2077919	Bednarkewicz, Leo....	Pvt. 1cl.	K8-9-18	1387865	Flint, Robert.....	Cpl.	W8-31-18
1977566	Beeson, William.....	Pvt.	T2-4-19	1977477	Fogelsong, Lawrence	Pvt. 1cl.	Sherman
1387825	Bentkowski, Alexander J.	Pvt.	Grant	1387866	Franzen, Carl M....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2057750	Bergstrom, Carl J....	Pvt.	Grant	1387868	Gaddini, Gino.....	Cook	Grant
2060737	Bernas, John.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1977879	Gallion, Arthur.....	Pvt.	Taylor
1387826	Bickett, Joseph D....	Pvt. 1cl.	Taylor	1387369	Gaston, George F....	Pvt.	W8-31-18
1387827	Bock, Fred.....	Pvt.	Grant	1387871	Gilmour, Herbert W....	Pvt.	Grant
1387828	Borgeson, Leonard....	Cpl.	W8-30-18	1387873	Gullickson, Spencer T.	Cpl.	Grant
1387018	Borzechowski, John....	Pvt.	Grant	1387874	Gwiazdowski, Walter....	Pvt.	Grant
1387829	Bowden, William.....	Cpl.	W8-30-18	1387875	Haerle, George P....	Pvt.	Grant
1387830	Breakey, John W....	Pvt.	W8-30-18	1387877	Hall, Herbert E.....	Pvt.	Grant
2077042	Breitspecher, William	Pvt. 1cl.	W10-25-18	1977963	Hampton, Joseph M....	Pvt.	W9-26-18
2089663	Brichetto, Joseph M....	Pvt.	Grant	1387876	Hane, Harold M....	Sgt.	W8-31-18
1387831	Briggs, George W....	Pvt.	Grant	1387879	Harbaugh, Roy L....	Cpl.	Grant
1387832	Bugala, Stanley F....	Pvt. 1cl.	K8-9-18	1165553	Hecht, Leslie E.....	Sgt.	Grant
1387833	Burk, Ben O.....	Sgt.	T9-30-18	1165556	Hipp, Charles H....	Sgt.	T3-15-18
1387834	Burns, Otis.....	Pvt.	S5-29-19	1977522	Holbrook, Carey D....	Pvt.	Sherman
1387835	Butler, Joseph M....	Cook	Grant	1387881	Holten, Martin.....	Cpl.	Grant
1387837	Cardiff, John D....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2152361	Holden, Roscoe F....	Pvt.	Dodge
1165540	Casey, Thomas V....	Sgt.	W11-30-18	1387935	Holmdahl, Clarence J.	Mech.	S11-3-18
1387838	Cashman, William	Pvt. 1cl.	S4-18-19	1387883	Holmes, Albert P....	Pvt. 1cl.	W9-26-18
1387839	Cassioopi, William....	Pvt.	Grant	2152363	Hopkins, Roy.....	Pvt.	W9-10-18
1387840	Chapel, Cecil G....	Pvt.	W11-20-18	1387884	Hopkins, John P....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1976242	Chappell, Aden S....	Pvt.	Sherman	1387885	Horst, Henry A....	Cpl.	W7-1-18
1387841	Chierietti, Frank	Pvt. 1cl.	K8-11-18	1977881	Horton, Lonnie.....	Pvt.	T3-24-19
1387842	Cichowicz, James J....	Cpl.	W8-31-18	1387886	Horvitz, Isadore....	Pvt. 1cl.	T5-12-19
2086466	Clacher, John.....	Pvt.	Grant	1387889	Huebsch, Erwin.....	Pvt.	W8-31-18
1387843	Clutter, Lloyd.....	Pvt.	W10-25-18	1387891	Jensen, Peter E....	Pvt. 1cl.	T12-3-18
1387844	Collins, James R....	Pvt.	Grant	1387894	Jurczykewski, Joseph	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387845	Crowley, Willard....	Pvt.	W12-6-18	1387825	Kain, Alvin H....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387846	Cunefare, Harold C....	Pvt.	W8-31-18	1387896	Kantor, William T....	Pvt.	Grant
1977937	Davis, Richard.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387989	Keller, Joseph H....	Cpl.	T1-4-19
1977849	Day, Lorenzo E....	Pvt.	Sherman	1387900	Kerstine, William F.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1387850	Dean, Roy M....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387901	Kimball, Sam J....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2058115	De Frank, Nick.....	Pvt.	Grant	2160535	Kindig, Arthur L....	Pvt.	Funston
2060742	De Lavrentis, Bernardino	Pvt.	W10-25-18	1977884	King, Sam.....	Pvt.	Taylor
2058136	DeMick, Harry.....	Pvt.	Sherman	1387902	Kirk, Joseph R....	Cpl.	S9-26-18
2087282	Derkopolis, Frank....	Pvt.	Grant	1387903	Klatt, Albert.....	Pvt. 1cl.	W9-26-18
				2060760	Knybel, John J....	Pvt.	Grant
				2060730	Kocycki, Joseph....	Pvt.	W10-25-18
				2152114	Kohler, Wolfgang....	Pvt.	Dodge

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1387905	Kominski, EdwardPvt.	Grant	1387947	Peterson, George W.Pvt.	Grant
2152380	Kopacek, James L.Pvt.	Dodge	1387948	Piggott, Fred W.Pvt.	W10-25-18
1387906	Kosinski, Frank	....Pvt.	1cl., W12-1-18	1387949	Plontkowski, Frank J.	....Pvt.	Grant
2152631	Kraemer, Henry H.	....Pvt.	K8-11-18	2060777	Posinski, Joseph F.	....Pvt.	W8-31-18
2152632	Krogmann, Louis	....Pvt.	Dodge	1977991	Proffitt, William John	....Pvt.	Taylor
1387907	Krysiak, Peter	....Pvt.	Grant	1387951	Quinn, William M.	Pvt. 1cl., Grant	
2152384	Kuhlman, Otto W.	....Pvt.	Dodge	1977606	Riley, Squire	....Pvt.	Taylor
1387908	Kukan, Stephen	....Cook	Grant	1165573	Rutz, Adolph P.	....Sgt.	W8-31-18
1387909	Kuzara, Frank	Pvt. 1cl.,	W12-1-18	1387952	Rygelski, Tony	....Cpl.	W10-25-18
2060725	Labich, Fred O.	....Bugler	Grant	1387953	Sanders, Marion W.	....Pvt.	K8-9-18
2152116	Larson, Ludwig L.	Pvt.,	W10-25-18	1387954	Sanford, John T.	....Pvt.	W8-31-18
2152385	Larson, Martin	....Pvt.	Dodge	1387955	Sarnowski, Anthony	....Pvt.	1cl., Grant
1387910	Layne, Ralph P.	....Cpl.	W8-30-18	1395537	Scanlon, Michael	....Pvt.	Grant
2060765	LeBlanc, Albert G.	....Pvt.	Grant	1387956	Schiff, Benjamin F.	....Pvt.	1cl., W8-31-18
383826	Leddy, Michael	....Pvt.	T4-1-19	1387957	Schneiderman, Louis	....Pvt.	Grant
2152386	Leonard, Jay	....Pvt.	K10-26-18	1387962	Schultz, Carl F.	....Pvt.	Grant
162049	LePine, Archie M.	....Pvt.	Dodge	1387958	Shaw, Dyrco C.	Pvt. 1cl.,	W10-25-18
1387912	Levenson, Leo	....Bugler	K8-11-18	2161931	Sheridan, Eugene R.	Pvt.,	W8-31-18
1387913	Lidwell, Edward J.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Custer	1387959	Simons, Harry	....Sgt.	Grant
1387914	Ligman, Leo M.	....Pvt.	W10-25-18	1387960	Sindler, John F.	....Cpl.	W10-25-18
2162370	Lillejahl, Petrus N.	....Pvt.	K8-9-18	1387981	Sipe, Clinton R.	....Sgt.	W8-31-18
2152118	Litterer, Carl L.	....Pvt.	T12-8-18	1387963	Skamas, Gust	....Pvt.	W12-2-18
1387915	Londelius, Herbert C.	Mech.,	Grant	1387964	Skarpinski, Edward M.	....Pvt.	1cl., Grant
1387916	Lorenz, Thomas	....Pvt.	Grant	1387965	Skinner, Dudley H.	....Pvt.	Grant
1387926	McConnell, Harold G.	....Cpl.	Grant	2081219	Smith, Fred H.	....Pvt.	W10-25-18
1387927	McCormick, Frank	....Pvt.	Grant	1387967	Spina, Salvatore	....Pvt.	W10-25-18
1387924	McCoy, John	....Pvt.	W8-30-18	1387968	Stade, Henry W.	Pvt. 1cl.,	K8-9-18
2058709	McHenry, Stewart W.	....Pvt.	1cl., W10-25-18	1387969	Stankus, Jeronum	Pvt., 1cl.,	Grant
2058151	McKelgue, Charles J.	....Pvt.	W10-25-18	1387970	Stebbins, Fred R.	....Cpl.	Jefferson Barracks
1387928	McNabo, John J.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Upton	1977894	Stephens, Jacob	....Pvt.	K10-26-18
1387929	McNaughton, Benjamin	....Cpl.	W8-31-18	1387971	Stone, Chester A.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1387917	Macejowski, Joseph F.	....Pvt.	Grant	1387972	Stulzinski, William	Pvt.,	W10-25-18
1387918	Macysauski, William	Pvt.,	T5-13-19	1977997	Sumpter, Wm. L.	....Pvt.	Taylor
2152639	Mallinski, Aloysius K.	Pvt.,	K8-9-18	1387973	Swanson, George C.	....Pvt.	1cl., W12-6-18
1387919	Mallan, John C.	....Pvt.	Grant	2077923	Swenson, Carl H.	Pvt.,	K10-26-18
1387920	Marcelli, Ernest L.	....Pvt.	1cl., W10-25-18	1387976	Taylor, Steve C.	Mess Sgt.,	Grant
1387921	Marks, Leo	....Pvt.	1cl., Grant	1387977	Thayer, Kenneth T.	....Pvt.	T5-12-19
1387928	Maralo, Antonio	....Pvt.	W10-25-18	1977492	Thon, Charles	....Pvt.	T5-12-19
2152389	Marotteck, Peter	....Pvt.	W10-25-18	1387978	Todd, Robert A.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1977704	Martlege, Herman F.	Pvt.,	W8-31-18	1387979	Troughton, Louis A.	....Pvt.	W10-25-18
1387923	Matson, Martin	....Pvt.	1cl., Grant	2060783	Unverzagt, Alfred	....Pvt.	W8-31-18
2152390	Maxa, Frank V.	....Pvt.	Dodge	1387980	Vana, Jerry E.	....Pvt.	Grant
2152391	Means, Clarence L.	....Pvt.	Dodge	1387981	Vanderwerker, Milton E.	....Sgt.	Grant
2152393	Mickelson, Roy I.	....Pvt.	Dodge	1387982	Vanyek, Victor O.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1387931	Mitchell, Russell E.	Pvt.,	W8-31-18	1387983	Verzin, Peter P.	....Sgt.	Grant
1387933	Morisette, Arthur J.	....Cpl.	W10-25-18	1387984	Vizzini, Sam	....Pvt.	W12-3-18
1387934	Mrozek, Tony	....Pvt.	1cl., Grant	2152450	Waters, Ralph D.	....Pvt.	K8-9-18
1387935	Mulhier, William	....Mech.	W8-31-18	1389895	Walkoe, Ralph J.	....Pvt.	S4-24-19
1387936	Mulharchik, Luka	....Pvt.	T12-30-18	2152451	Wedekie, Theodore	....Pvt.	W10-25-18
1387848	Murdock, George H.	Pvt.,	S1-15-19	2152700	Week, Alfred	....Pvt.	K8-9-18
1387938	Murdoch William E.	....Pvt.	1cl., Grant	1387986	Wehrmeister, Wm.	Pvt.,	W10-25-18
1387939	Murphy, George	....Pvt.	Grant	1385202	Westphal, Floyd	....Pvt.	T4-3-19
1977888	Myers, Harry	....Pvt.	Sherman	2152455	Wiese, Wm. F.	....Pvt.	Dodge
2007206	Navigato, Nicholas	Pvt.,	W8-31-18	1387987	Wieniewski, Joseph E.	....Cpl.	W10-25-18
1395522	Nelson, Fred C.	....Pvt.	W8-31-18	1387989	Willis, Vernon	....Pvt.	Sherman
2152402	Nelson, Adolph	....Pvt.	W8-31-18	2152456	Wink, Henry C.	....Pvt.	K8-9-18
1387940	Nelson, Edwin A.	....Pvt.	Grant	2088909	Winter, Fred	....Pvt.	K8-9-18
1165589	Nemac, John J.	....Cpl.	W8-31-18	1387991	Wozniak, Harry	....Pvt.	W8-31-18
1977594	Nesbitt, Judge	....Pvt.	Grant	1978003	Wright, Tony	....Pvt.	Sherman
1387941	Nimietz, Joseph	....Pvt.	K8-11-18	2086998	Wrzala, Joseph	Pvt.,	W10-25-18
1387942	Ofedal, Norman E.	....Cpl.	T9-30-18	1389892	Young, John W.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1387945	Otto, Wilbert L.	1st Sgt.	T9-30-18	2161074	Youngen, Walter N.	....Pvt.	Dodge
1387944	Palublak, Gus W.	....Pvt.	1cl., Grant	1387993	Zabrowski, Frank L.	....Pvt.	Grant
2060773	Paulson, Rogers J.	Pvt.,	W8-31-18	1387876	Zech, William L.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1977985	Pendleton, Kyle	....Pvt.	Taylor				
1387945	Personnett, Everett	Cpl.,	W8-31-18				
1387946	Peters, Harold E.	....Pvt.	W8-31-18				

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT
DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED ORGANIZATION
LATER IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY H.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1387847	Davis, George G.	Pvt.	R6-15-18, Grant	1387915	Londelius, Herbert C.	Pvt.	R6-15-18, Grant
1387888	Houlihan, John C.	Pvt.	R6-15-18, Grant				

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS
REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY H.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3804851	Acuff, Kent	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Dodge	2298733	Bryany, Willie	Pvt.	J10-29-18, W12-6-18
3267633	Ainsworth, John	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Pike	2868477	Bryson, Henry C.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2474815	Alban, William R.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Sherman	2969089	Burkes, William H.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W12-6-18
3804190	Anderson, Albert	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge	3805737	Busby, Gary	Pvt.	J10-29-18, T5-12-19
2969096	Anderson, Herschel, V.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Meade	3805193	Bujewski, Edward R.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge
3803196	Anderson, Ray	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge	3674463	Carman, Charles	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
2969105	Archer, Martin P.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Meade	2002622	Caruth, Clifford	Pvt.	J10-29-18, W12-6-18
3805501	Austead, Lars	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge	3915296	Cash, William	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. D. A. Russell
3804491	Ashman, Ray	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge	451565	Christenson, Emil	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Custer
4085468	Ashford, George	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix	3775858	Christopherson, Christ H.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge
2097829	Averse, John	Pvt.	J10-29-18, K11-10-18	3171164	Clark, Chester	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Meade
2661992	Babstisti, Astro	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant	4083159	Cochran, Thomas	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Lee
2315134	Babstisti, Louis	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-25-18	3496736	Collier, David	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2657173	Baker, Cleon	Pvt.	J10-29-18, S10-31-18	2969148	Connor, Daniel E.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Meade
3804982	Barogary, John F.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge	2969102	Connor, Charlie	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Meade
2662039	Barry, George A.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant	3766903	Cooper, Herschel E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor
3805057	Behrens, Hein H.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge	3130897	Cornelionson, Christ	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge
2761710	Beman, Clarence L.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant	2937246	Curl, Ivan E.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Sherman
556333	Benfield, William	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Lee	4084286	Davis, Peter J.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dix
2662026	Bennet, Jesse	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant	4079779	Dedig, Edward	Pvt.	J10-29-18, W12-3-18
3804914	Bentley, Arthur D.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Dodge	2169917	Dombrowski, Clem	Pvt.	J9-29-18, T5-12-19
2661485	Bertino, Demenico	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-25-18	2661379	Duncan, Fred B.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant
3912094	Bickham, Sandy W.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Bowie	3171152	Eggleton, Mervian	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Meade
3804535	Bishop, Benjamin H.	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Pike	2868517	Elwood, DeWitt C.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W12-3-18
2661714	Blumenshire, Frank	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant	3485743	Eppley, Raymond C.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant
2661407	Boero, John F.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant	2969188	Evans, John	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Meade
3258611	Boudreaux, Ulysis	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Shelby	2661840	Fanelli, Ralph	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant
3496264	Braden, Aubrey	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	2866667	Faye, Louis	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W2-3-18
3767432	Brewer, Ned	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Taylor	3169013	Feitig, Charles J.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, S10-25-18
2969202	Brown, Omar O.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W12-6-18	3169121	Fonslick, John	Pvt.	J9-29-18, S1-10-19
3500781	Browning, James	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	2099292	Forbes, Pete T.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, T5-12-19
3916147	Broyles, William	Pvt.	J10-29-18, Ft. D. A. Russell	3228847	Frederick, Avery	Pvt.	J10-29-18, W12-3-18
2662003	Bruning, William	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant				

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3485751	Freund, Harry	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Grant	3486712	Lindbloom, Rolile J.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Grant
3676044	Gagnon, Edward	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix	2873698	Luther, Jessie	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3496799	Gammon, Wallace E.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	2315162	Meyer, Camille	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, W12-3-18
3803439	Gansomer, Peter	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dodge	3085875	McDaniels, Ben M.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, K11-10-18
3171151	Gibson, William	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Meade	2872223	McHugh, Edward	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2969183	Goolsby, Clyde	Cpl.,	J9-29-18, Sherman	2299981	Mailloux, Samuel	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Devens
2567217	Golliher, Benjamin	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S12-3-18		Mellon, Thomas	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix
3171160	Grant, Eldredge	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Meade	3405023	Miller, Ben F.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Grant
2171182	Grant, Ward	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S12-3-18	2872104	Miller, John C.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Pike
3173836	Grass, Coll E.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S12-3-18	3212650	Miller, N. M.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S12-3-18
2969220	Green, Paris	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Meade	3490365	Miller, Paul	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Grant
2969847	Grimes, Clyde B.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S12-3-18	3637280	Miller, Petter	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S1-25-18
3173078	Hacker, Frantz A.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Dix	2872350	Mullin, Joe E.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Pike
2872559	Harris, Dupree S.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Shelby	308185	Mitchel, Claude	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Sherman
3802173	Hellige, Frank	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dodge	3606619	Munford, Harry	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, T5-12-19
3166295	Hendrich, Thomas M.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S12-3-18	370293	Muscato, Frank	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, S4-4-19
308184	Henry, Ray	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Sherman	2661271	Neal, Oscar	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Grant
2872585	Henry, Perl	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Pike	3767444	Noland, Colin	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
2873413	Hensley, William	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	2872353	Panich, Ike	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Pike
2918885	Hill, Daniel	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S12-3-18	4096107	Parleto, James	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, T1-10-19
3803512	Hill, Walter C.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Pike	3767226	Perry, Eldon	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
3803299	Hollabugh, John	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dodge	2867967	Percell, George W.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Pike
3774639	Hoover, Jim	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, K11-10-18	3085240	Pitzer, James A.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
2871507	House, Sion	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Pike	2300007	Raseler, Larring	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Dix
2265510	Houston, Jefferson	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Pike	3498124	Richardson, Emmet C.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Gordon
3803387	Houwen, John	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, S2-22-19	4086036	Roberts, John P.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix
2868682	Howard, Sam	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	2873957	Robertson, Henry II.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Shelby
3636618	Hudnall, Alfred	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Meade		Robertson, Sanders	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, W12-3-18
2868607	Huff, Joseph E.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S12-3-18	2869080	Rollow, John	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Pike
2873678	Hutcheson, James E.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	1034070	Russell, Luther	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
2515212	Jacobs, George	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, T5-12-19	2848198	Scott, John P.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
2868659	Johnson, William	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	3173745	Shearer, Franklin I.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix
2868777	Jones, George C.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	3169618	Simmons, Brooks	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Meade
2869286	Jones, Roscoe C.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Pike	2873235	Slaughter, Samuel J.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Taylor
2872363	Kamich, John W.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S12-3-18	3258962	Sloan, Max	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
2868687	Keer, John W.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S12-2-18	2868662	Smith, Robert	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, W10-11-18
3803565	Knapple, Fred C.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Pike	3991210	Smith, William J.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2498371	Lam, William A.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Gordon	2257615	Sparks, James E.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, T11-3-18
4079782	Le Jeune, Jacob J.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix	3767278	Sprock, Martin	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
3486558	Lealy, Gilbert	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Sherman	3635777	Straub, William	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix
				3766919	Thurman, Fred	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, S12-3-18
				2661687	Thurston, George S.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Grant

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2661471	Tiezzi, Eugenie		
		Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Grant
4085904	Vitaoe, Oscar.	Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix
2003692	West, Alva		
			J10-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3678888	West, Frank		
		Pvt.,	J10-29-18, T5-13-19
3485663	Wiley, Walter R.		
		Pvt.,	J9-29-18, W12-3-18

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3766899	Willis, William R.		
		Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Taylor
4079651	Wolinsky, Morris		
		Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix
2035240	Wright, Vern J.		
		Pvt.,	J10-29-18, T3-19-19
4079653	Zaruba, John G.		
		Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix
4085908	Ziegler, John N.		
		Pvt.,	J10-29-18, Dix

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ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY,
MAY 30TH, 1919, ASSIGNED TO COMPANY I.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2092100	Adrians, Sylvester F.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388021	Epperson, James M.	Sgt.,	Grant
1388022	Anderson, Le Roy W.	Cpl.,	Grant	2066877	Erdmann, Edward	Pvt.,	Grant
1388064	Anderson, John R.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	2061691	Farrell, Michael	Pvt.,	W11-10-18
2064296	Ankarberg, Oscar W.	Pvt.,	W9-28-18	1392106	Fernandes, Albert H.	Pvt.,	S10-24-18
2061665	Arnold, John S.	Pvt.,	W10-25-18	2061725	Flanagan, William	Pvt.,	Grant
1388037	Atkinson, Charles B.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388079	Fleham, Ruben	Pvt. 1cl.,	K11-10-18
1388065	Badal, Joseph	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1977696	Foley, Rural B.	Pvt.,	W10-25-18
1388025	Bailie, George E.	Cpl.,	Grant	1388080	Funk, Paul V.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1388119	Baltimore, Herman A.	Pvt.,	K10-10-18	1388081	Furtek, Peter K.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1977865	Barnett, Clyde	Pvt.,	Sherman	1395494	Gardner, Bert	Pvt.,	Grant
1388120	Baumgartner, Frank	Pvt.,	Grant	1165549	Gardner, Hugh G.	Sgt.,	W10-25-18
1388121	Bednarek, Joseph	Pvt.,	Grant	1388031	Gauthier, Floyd	Cpl.,	Grant
1388019	Beihl, Frederick G.	Sgt.,	S10-25-18	1388030	Giddings, Howard D.	Cpl.,	T8-5-18
2151300	Benoit, Godfrey A.	Pvt.,	Upton	1394636	Gilbert, Horace E.	Pvt.,	W9-14-18
1388066	Berg, Louis S.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1388133	Gill, John R.	Pvt.,	Grant
2086888	Binkowski, Theodore J.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388027	Glad, Reuben O.	Pvt.,	Grant
2152557	Blank, Erick A.	Pvt.,	T2-2-18	1388134	Gottlieb, Morris	Pvt.,	W6-19-18
1388122	Bogato, Anthony	Pvt.,	Grant	2162601	Grenier, Franklin L.	Pvt.,	Dodge
1388067	Bonnist, Eugene R.	Pvt.,	S10-10-18	2060748	Grimes, Walter E.	Pvt.,	K2-3-18
1388068	Bothe, Raymond A.	Pvt. 1cl.,	W10-25-18	2066851	Haaker, Otto C.	Pvt.,	W8-11-18
1975620	Boyer, Otto John	Pvt.,	W8-16-18	2151108	Hazen, Carl M.	Pvt.,	Dodge
1388042	Brandt, Hartmut G.	Cpl.,	W10-25-18	2162053	Haley, Thomas E.	Pvt.,	Dodge
1388069	Bresse, Howard F.	Pvt. 1cl.,	S10-25-18	1977698	Hamm, Gilbert R.	Pvt.,	Sherman
1388070	Briggs, Veachel F.	Pvt. 1cl.,	T2-2-18	1388038	Hanna, Robert J.	Cpl.,	Grant
1388052	Brown, James W.	Cpl.,	Grant	2151245	Hansen, Louie	Pvt.,	Dodge
1388029	Brown, Thomas F.	Cpl.,	W8-11-18	1977576	Harris, Robert M.	Pvt.,	Sherman
1388036	Brownell, George P.	Cpl.,	Grant	2060750	Hart, Michael	Pvt.,	Grant
1388016	Brust, Warren H.	Sgt.,	W8-10-18	2151246	Hartley, Raymond	Pvt.,	S8-11-18
1388124	Burns, Bernard J.	Pvt.,	Grant	2151109	Hauser, Mike	Pvt.,	W9-28-18
1388040	Burnstein, Henry P.	Cpl.,	W8-10-18	1978158	Heacox, Harry W.	Pvt.,	W11-11-18
2064143	Butler, Frederick T.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388083	Heany, Bernard	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1388034	Carlson, Arthur W.	Cpl.,	W8-9-18	2081195	Heffin, Mayhard	Pvt.,	W9-28-18
2063978	Caron, Richard A.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388084	Hill, William B.	Pvt. 1cl.,	K10-13-18
2060740	Carsello, Dominick	Pvt.,	Grant	2081197	Howell, Joe	Pvt.,	Grant
1388125	Cinkus, Stanley	Pvt.,	Grant	1388026	Howes, George W.	Pvt.,	Grant
1388039	Colby, Oscar	Cpl.,	T4-6-18	2151254	Huffile, Claude M.	Pvt.,	S5-22-19
2081138	Coleman, Herbert L.	Pvt. 1cl.,	T6-15-18	1388085	Hutchinson, Howard J.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1388074	Collins, Fred L.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1977580	Ingram, Pete	Pvt.,	K11-10-18
1388126	Cullenbine, Frank A.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388138	Jacobs, Charles E.	Pvt.,	Grant
1977952	Curry, Oral B.	Pvt.,	W11-10-18	1388046	Jacques, Louis J.	Cpl.,	Grant
1388127	Dassow, Dudley V.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388139	Jakubowski, Adam	Pvt.,	K11-10-18
1977692	Dawson, Horace G.	Pvt.,	Sherman	2151123	Jandl, Andrew J.	Pvt.,	W11-10-18
2151317	DeBarhier, Louis	Pvt.,	Dodge	1388142	Kaufman, Frederick F.	Pvt.,	Grant
1388045	DeCoster, Herbert A.	Cpl.,	W10-25-18	1388143	Keith, William	Pvt.,	Grant
1388076	DeFoe, Nelson H.	Pvt. 1cl.,	W10-25-18	1388145	Kilkeary, William P.	Pvt.,	W8-23-18
1388075	Delehanty, Walter V.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1388086	Kingswell, George R.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1388128	Drankiewicz, Adam A.	Pvt.,	W8-15-18	1977484	Kirsch, Edgar	Pvt.,	D9-1-18
1388163	Driscoll, Christopher	Pvt.,	W8-16-18	2060759	Kloska, Hugo T.	Pvt.,	Grant
2066235	Eckert, Chester	Pvt.,	T12-27-18	1388087	Koertgen, Leo A.	Pvt. 1cl.,	W8-15-18
1388078	Elm, Carl R.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1388088	Kohn, Sidney	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1388023	Engel, John M.	Cpl.,	S10-21-18	2066893	Kopping, Albert M.	Pvt.,	W10-14-18
1388130	English, John J.	Pvt.,	Grant	2151133	Kosena, Jerry	Pvt.,	W10-11-18
2066836	Enroth, Albert O.	Pvt.,	W10-25-18	2066993	Kozora, John	Pvt.,	Grant
				2066711	Kubatz, Emil	Pvt.,	W10-10-18
				1388090	La Meer, Walter	Pvt. 1cl.,	W10-10-18
				1388028	LaPass, John M.	Cpl.,	Grant
				2162369	Larson, James F.	Pvt.,	S11-3-18
				1388091	Lasko, Joseph	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
				2060764	Laux, Michael A.	Pvt.,	Grant

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1288014	Leach, Porter F.	Sgt.	87-27-18	1977994	Robinson, Andrew S.	Pvt.	Sherman
1977885	Leaky, Amos.	Pvt.	Sherman	1977607	Rose, James.	Pvt.	W11-11-18
1288020	Leslie, Fred W.	Sgt.	T10-16-18	2088039	Rosenau, Henry H.	Pvt.	W10-22-18
2151141	Levenson, Leonard B.	Pvt.	Dodge	1288159	Rubenstein, Lionel S.	Pvt.	Grant
1288044	Liebman, Earl L.	Cpl.	Grant	1288109	Sallee, Fay W.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
2151143	Lindeman, William.	Pvt.	W9-28-18	1288110	Schaidler, Ben.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1288147	Lindquist, Frank J.	Pvt.	Grant	1288058	Schay, Samuel.	Mech.	Grant
1288033	Lofland, Archie, Jr.	Cpl.	Grant	2150925	Schleisman, John W.	Pvt.	Dodge
2161690	Lundgren, Delephin T.	Pvt.	Dodge	1288011	Schlesinger, Herbert	1st Sgt.	Grant
2151146	Luppens, Ed.	Pvt.	Dodge	1288013	Schlueter, Carl A.	Mess Sgt.	Grant
1976722	Lusk, Wilbert.	Pvt.	Grant	2061693	Schmidt, Fred.	Pvt.	W9-28-18
2151147	Lystad, Edwin O.	Pvt.	S10-16-18	2088890	Schmidt, John F.	Pvt.	W8-15-18
1288149	McCarthy, Fred C.	Pvt.	Grant	1288111	Schultz, Charles W.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
1288151	McCarthy, George P.	Pvt.	Grant	1288041	Scollie, Robert.	Cpl.	Grant
1288043	McDonald, Frank H.	Cpl.	W10-1-18	2060780	Sebastian, George E.	Pvt.	W8-14-18
2151151	McElfresh, Carl N.	Pvt.	T1-4-19	2066860	Sedivec, Joseph.	Pvt.	S11-30-18
2061700	McMaster, Robert J.	Pvt.	Grant	2061764	Sheridan, Michael A.	Pvt.	K10-10-18
2151390	McMonigal, John F.	Pvt.	W10-22-18	1288058	Simonini, John B.	Cook	Grant
1288096	McCollum, Lawrence R.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant	1288114	Skolak, Rudolph.	Pvt.	1cl, T2-2-19
1288093	Maciezenski, Frank	Pvt.	1cl, W10-22-18	1977614	Stone, Isaac.	Pvt.	Taylor
1288061	Manau, Fred J.	Bugler	Grant	1288113	Snyder, Frederick E.	Pvt.	Grant
2151383	Mancusco, Lawrence.	Pvt.	W8-15-18	1977233	Solberg, Bertin E.	Pvt.	T1-4-19
2151382	Marth, Rudolph L.	Pvt.	Dodge	1288160	Sommers, Irving E.	Pvt.	Grant
1977589	Martin, Joel.	Pvt.	Taylor	2066916	Stemrick, George J.	Pvt.	Grant
1288095	Mazor, Benjamin.	Mech.	Grant	2087229	Styskal, Frank.	Pvt.	W10-11-18
1288098	Mentgen, Peter.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant	2064320	Swenson, Maurice L.	Pvt.	Grant
2161608	Mikelson, Bennie P.	Pvt.	Dodge	1288032	Swinnborn, Leo C.	Cpl.	S9-15-18
2151157	Miller, Arthur F.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	1288113	Szeman, Mike.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
2152135	Miner, Samuel H.	Pvt.	W11-10-18	1288116	Tasker, Stanley.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
2162099	Mohr, Jack Jacob.	Pvt.	S10-28-18	1977617	Taulbee, Andrew.	Pvt.	Taylor
1977593	Moore, Kindle.	Pvt.	Taylor	1288117	Tischer, Herman F.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant
2064165	Mootz, Edward M.	Pvt.	S12-20-18	2081223	Tyrell, Michael E.	Pvt.	Grant
464353	Morin, Wilfrid F.	Pvt.	W8-10-18	2150948	VanHyfte, Renil.	Pvt.	W10-13-18
1288012	Mulligan, Martin J.	Sp. Sgt.	Grant	2064005	Volpentesta, Dominic J.	Pvt.	S9-29-18
2061701	Muller, John J.	Pvt.	Grant	2088666	Wallace, Lawrence.	Pvt.	Grant
1977982	Narvell, Vernie.	Pvt.	W11-18-18	1288048	Walsh, Frank J.	Cpl.	W10-14-18
1288051	Neal, Floyd A.	Cpl.	Grant	2150949	Walz, George H.	Pvt.	K10-10-18
1288150	Noveck, Nuffrie.	Pvt.	Grant	1288118	Warmus, Walter.	Pvt.	1cl, W8-13-18
1288152	Oakley, Clifford W.	Pvt.	Grant	1288049	Wesslund, Chester C.	Cpl.	Grant
1288015	O'Callahan, John.	Sgt.	W10-14-18	1288161	Whelan, Joseph V.	Pvt.	S5-21-19
1288062	O'Connor, James S.	Bugler	Grant	2151446	Whitaker, Charles O.	Pvt.	S10-22-18
2150903	Oliver, James A.	Pvt.	W9-28-18	2150793	White, Henry M.	Pvt.	S10-22-18
1288100	Olson, Ernest E.	Pvt.	Grant	2150952	Whiteman, Lee B.	Pvt.	Dodge
2151406	Olson, Hilmer T.	Pvt.	Dodge	1977847	Whitmore, James.	Pvt.	W8-19-18
1288054	Olson, Gottfred E.	Cook	Grant	1288059	Whitmore, Bernard B.	Mech.	Grant
2060771	Olezewski, Frank.	Pvt.	Grant	2151447	Winey, Raleigh.	Pvt.	Dodge
1288153	Olszewski, Paul.	Pvt.	W11-9-18	1288162	Woessner, John A.	Pvt.	Grant
2077057	Osfelt, Felix.	Pvt.	Grant	2064324	Wojchowski, Augustine F.	Pvt.	Grant
1288154	Parmly, Earl L.	Pvt.	S9-19-18	2060786	Wojciechowski, Walter	Pvt.	S8-10-18
1288102	Parsons, Arthur D.	Cook	W9-28-18	2151207	Woodward, Irving L.	Pvt.	W10-14-18
1288155	Parsons, John R.	Pvt.	Grant	2064049	Yundt, Charles G.	Pvt.	W10-22-18
2060774	Pellican, Mathew.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant	1288060	Zanizig, Frank W.	Mech.	Grant
1977710	Perkins, Worth C.	Pvt.	Sherman	2067113	Zarkinski, John.	Pvt.	Grant
1288055	Peters, William H.	Cook	Grant	2151405	Zimders, August W.	Pvt.	Upton
2064076	Petter, William E.	Pvt.	T9-2-18				
1288103	Poland, Floyd E.	Pvt.	1cl, Grant				
1288050	Quinn, Edwin J.	Cpl.	Grant				
2150921	Richards, Edward B.	Pvt.	Dodge				
1288107	Robertson, Joseph D.	Pvt.	1cl, W10-14-18				

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED ORGANIZATION IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY I.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1288024	Carlson, Justin	Cpl.	J7-19-18, Grant	2151145	Lowry, Roy A.	Pvt.	1cl, J7-3-18, Dodge
1288047	Granatto, Joseph	Pvt.	J8-12-18, W8-10-18	2150888	Matern, Joseph M.	Pvt.	J6-26-18, Dodge
1288082	Greengard, Lester	Pvt.	1cl, J6-20-18, Grant	2161607	Melligand, Peter O.	Pvt.	J7-19-18, Dodge
1977583	Kavouras, Pete	Pvt.	J7-19-18, Taylor	1288104	Pressey, Floyd F.	Pvt.	1cl, J7-19-18, T9-2-18
2150880	Leskela, Henry F.	Pvt.	1cl, J7-19-18, Dodge	1288115	Tarvin, Leo	Cpl.	J7-19-18, Grant
2151379	Lilly, Lawrence	Pvt.	1cl, J7-3-18, Dodge	2150950	Ward, Ira A.	Pvt.	J7-3-18, Dodge

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ROSTER OF SOLDIERS TRANSFERRED TO 131ST INFANTRY AFTER ARRIVAL IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY I.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1977196	Blackburn, John	Pvt.	J12-28-18, Taylor	1385704	Nivelaz, Fred C.	Cpl.	J10-27-18, Grant
2828028	Brooks, Fred L.	Pvt.	J12-28-18, Grant	1386239	Shepard, Lyman S.	Pvt.	J12-28-18, Grant
2087393	Esche, Albert Ben.	Pvt.	J10-24-18, Grant	3337646	Strause, Lester I.	Pvt.	J12-28-18, Dix
1395707	Gibson, Donald P.	Pvt.	J4-6-19, Grant				

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY I.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2969061	Akers, Joseph H.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade	3806843	Hall, Henry C.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Dodge
3803190	Allen, Noah L.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Dodge	3257394	Hoover, James E.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Pike
3803221	Anderson, Andy H.	Pvt. lcl.	J11-14-18, Dodge	3268566	House, Wiley B.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Gordon
3485328	Angel, John Wesley	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Sherman	3486238	Jett, Charles V.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Gordon
2969059	Barker, Claude F.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade	2662092	Johnson, John W.	Pvt.	J10-2-18, Grant
3803224	Barnhard, Levi B.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Dix	3488517	Keck, Herman	Pvt. lcl.	J11-14-18, Grant
3484668	Bean, Ivan M.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Grant	2660021	Kent, LeRoy J.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, W10-3-18
3486379	Berry, Forrest C.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Gordon	3484693	Kincaid, Fred F.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Sherman
3489219	Braun, Rudolph W.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Grant	3806266	Kinden, Ingebright S.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Dodge
2828028	Brooks, Fred Lyman	Pvt.	Grant	3170122	Kosicki, Thomas	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Dix
3484783	Bunting, Arch C.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Grant	3170091	Kubatski, George	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Dix
2872499	Campbell, Oscar W.	Cpl.	J10-1-18, Pike	3170669	Kukloski, Alik	Pvt.	J10-1-18, D11-11-18
3170748	Carr, John G.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Lee	3501002	Lamb, Frank C.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2299694	Carroll, Eugene	Pvt. lcl.	J9-29-18, Upton	3170375	Laskowski, Charles	Pvt.	J11-14-18, S12-6-18
3169012	Catlett, William J.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Lee	3806073	Lemke, Arthur F.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Dodge
3497247	Channell, Hugh H.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Gordon	3268545	Lovejoy, Luther S.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Shelby
3169095	Chappell, William M.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Lee	3803863	McCall, Glenn D.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Dodge
3356061	Cole, Paul W.	Sgt.	J10-1-18, W10-11-18	1135957	McGaughey, William	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Bowie
2867471	Coleman, Joe L.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Lee	3500405	McMillon, Thomas J.	Pvt. lcl.	J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3501246	Colson, Henry J.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Gordon	3806227	Mackstad, Hilmer J.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Dodge
3166235	Crick, Elmer C.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Taylor	3806639	Madson, Lars N.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Dodge
3166244	Crist, Everett E.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade	3499747	Maxwell, Claude E.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3169049	Crowder, William B.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Lee	3496584	Mclear, Isaac	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2969041	Dilley, Everett	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade	3809645	Meyer, Edward A.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Dodge
2151328	Engelmann, Fredrick	Pvt.	J7-23-18, D9-8-18	3091553	Nedderman, Elmer	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Sherman
3494680	Fulton, Harlan E.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, S12-7-18	3485995	Nielson, Siegard	Cpl.	J10-1-18, D10-14-18
2661347	Garland, Thomas P.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, D10-10-18	3489103	Nix, Samuel C.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Gordon
3485231	Goff, Wilford	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Grant	4085853	Noll, David B.	Pvt. lcl.	J11-14-18, Lee
3484861	Goin, Frank E.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Grant	380935	O'Niell, Carlton T.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Upton
3501155	Gowen, Fred C.	Pvt. lcl.	J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	3496579	Overcast, Coll	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Taylor
3258968	Gragnadi, Peter A.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Jefferson Barracks	3500004	Padgett, George A.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3806775	Griffin, Clement P.	Pvt. lcl.	J11-14-18, Dodge	2500018	Payne, Vaughn H.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3170108	Gundaker, Roy G.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W10-10-18				

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4251156	Peter, Everett E.			3500082	Sexton, Jess		
	Pvt., J11-14-18, Gordon				Pvt., J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe		
3485942	Peterson, Henning			3500006	Smith, Henry D.		
	Pvt., J9-29-18, D10-23-18				Pvt., J11-14-18, Gordon		
3449931	Prestwood, Herbert B.			3499677	Taft, Warren B.		
	Pvt. 1cl., J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe				Pvt., J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe		
3499742	Rector, Louis S.			3806334	Tegland, Truman W.		
	Pvt., J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe				Pvt., J11-14-18, Dodge		
3499975	Rhea, John			3268602	Thomas, Otho		
	Pvt., J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe				Pvt., J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe		
3999279	Richardson, Ivan I.			3806021	Tohlen, Paul A.		
	Pvt., J11-14-18, Dodge				Pvt., J11-14-18, Taylor		
2661994	Riddle, Lawrence S.			3500461	Toombs, Carlton		
	Pvt., J9-29-18, K11-11-18				Pvt., J11-14-18, S12-27-18		
3499740	Rutledge, James W.			3268597	Tucker, Clarence L.		
	Pvt., J11-14-18, Gordon				Pvt., J11-14-18, Gordon		
2661399	Ryan, John J.			3500391	Tucker, John		
	Pvt., J9-29-18, Grant				Pvt., J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe		
3500430	Scivally, Henry F.			3806268	Voale, Thomas M.		
	Pvt., J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe				Pvt., J11-14-18, Dodge		
3500053	Seare, Charles E.			3267528	Vaughn, Marshall		
	Pvt., J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe				Pvt., J11-14-18, Shelby		
3497145	Seats, Robbie M.						
	Pvt., J11-14-18, Gordon						

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1388198	Anderson, Ralph W.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1388243	Fulton, Harry G.	Pvt. 1cl.	D11-14-18
1388210	Anderson, Robert B.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1388203	Ganster, Frank F.	Cpl.	Grant
1977875	Barker, Willie M.	Pvt.	Taylor	1388244	Gavin, William	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1388233	Barlow, Herman	Pvt.	W8-17-18	1388287	Glowinski, Stanley	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1388279	Bear, Edward F.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1388246	Gnekow, Arthur W.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1388196	Beck, Leslie H.	Cpl.	Grant	1388225	Graf, David L.	Cook	Grant
1388254	Beresford, Thomas H.	Pvt. 1cl.	W9-26-18	2151834	Grandt, Hans C.	Pvt.	T12-27-18
1388200	Berg, Carl G.	Sgt.	K10-10-18	2063883	Granquist, Ernst R.	Pvt.	S10-24-18
1388325	Beyer, Charles C.	Pvt.	W10-8-18	2151835	Grant, Henry E.	Pvt.	W9-26-18
1388280	Biedrzycki, Alexander	Pvt. 1cl.	W7-4-18	1977478	Grigsby, Arthur A.	Pvt.	W8-17-18
1388235	Blenert, Henry	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1388247	Gundstrom, Harold G.	Cpl.	K10-4-18
1388236	Bieser, Albert H.	Cpl.	W8-16-18	2077361	Gurney, Edward W.	Pvt.	Grant
1388228	Binanti, Anthony	Mech.	Grant	2088534	Habermeyer, Henry E.	Pvt.	Grant
1388218	Bixler, Dean A.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1977480	Haehl, George P.	Pvt.	W10-11-18
1388209	Bixler, Wallace M.	Cpl.	D17-28-18	2061011	Hagis, Nicholas	Pvt.	K8-17-18
1388281	Bogacki, James I.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2151596	Hamilton, Levi	Pvt.	Dodge
1388229	Bohlender, Bernard E.	Cpl.	Grant	2151844	Hannan, Joseph P.	Pvt.	Dodge
1978320	Brown, Harry L.	Pvt.	W11-10-18	1388206	Hanneman, Otto P.	Sgt.	W10-11-18
1388282	Burdick, Franklin A.	Pvt.	Grant	1977470	Harrel, Benjamin H.	Pvt.	S5-12-19
1388237	Buxton, William C.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2061210	Harrity, Frank H.	Pvt.	W10-9-18
2151597	Cachikas, James	Pvt.	S7-30-18	2151599	Hart, Gerald J.	Pvt.	T4-13-19
1977944	Calhoun, Robert	Pvt.	W8-16-18	1972897	Hartung, Louis E.	Pvt.	Grant
2060927	Caravello, Charles A.	Pvt.	Grant	1388249	Hass, Carl A.	Pvt. 1cl.	T6-19-18
2061170	Casale, John	Pvt.	Grant	2151956	Haugen, Carl A.	Pvt.	Dodge
2060928	Casella, Benny Vito	Pvt.	Grant	2151600	Haugrud, Oscar O.	Pvt.	K10-19-18
2061194	Casella, Frank	Pvt.	Grant	2151840	Haverkamp, Andrew G.	Pvt.	Dodge
2064253	Casey, James J.	Pvt.	W10-10-18	2064304	Havlicek, Edward C.	Pvt.	Grant
1388213	Cebbin, Henry	Cpl.	W8-1-18	2151601	Headley, Allen H.	Pvt.	Dix
2060949	Covello, Paul	Pvt.	W11-10-18	1388288	Heide, Ernest L.	Sgt.	W10-3-18
1388187	Coston, Frank U.	Sgt.	W8-1-18	2060923	Heiser, Alexander B.	Pvt.	T2-10-19
1388216	Crane, Stanley R.	Mech.	Grant	2064045	Hertel, John	Pvt.	Grant
2077911	Dahl, Harry A.	Pvt.	T2-10-19	1388289	Hibbard, Lester G.	Pvt. 1cl.	S1-2-19
2057729	Danielson, Frank C.	Pvt.	W9-28-18	1388250	Hill, LeRoy	Cpl.	W11-10-18
2077937	Davis, Ivan L.	Pvt.	Grant	1388192	Hoelscher, Harold T.	Sgt.	Grant
2061198	D'Avolio, Guerrini	Pvt.	K7-4-18	1388212	Housel, DeWitt	Cpl.	S10-24-18
2077938	Dean, Shirl E.	Pvt.	K8-12-18	1388281	Hoyt, Earl N.	Bugler	S11-15-18
2077960	Dee, Paul A.	Pvt.	S5-12-19	2151610	Hrubec, Joseph M.	Pvt.	K10-10-18
2060908	Defrenza, Pasquale	Pvt.	Grant	1388291	Kvidhammer, Sverre	Pvt. 1cl.	W11-10-18
1388238	Derichs, Charles	Pvt.	Grant	1388252	Iiko, Peter	Pvt. 1cl.	D11-11-18
1388283	Derivicks, Lance	Pvt.	Grant	1388208	Irwin, Joseph C.	Sgt.	Grant
2060995	Dillon, Henry F.	Pvt.	T2-10-19	1977581	Iseley, Elbert E.	Pvt.	W7-4-18
1388284	Duncheon, Louis A.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1388253	Iverson, Ole H.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1388239	Biermann, Charles	Pvt. 1cl.	T6-5-18	1388186	Jack, Thomas E.	Mess Sgt.	W8-18-18
1388201	Ellis, Clyde C.	Sgt.	Grant	1388190	Jackson, James	1st Sgt.	Grant
1165543	Evans, Harry E.	Sgt.	T9-12-18	2064242	Jensen, Harry	Cpl.	Grant
1388240	Farr, Albert A.	Pvt. 1cl.	AWOL, 9-17-18	1388254	Johnson, Arthur B.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1388241	Ferguson, Robert	Cpl.	W10-10-18	1388260	Johnson, Henry	Pvt. 1cl.	S6-21-18
1388242	Fisher, Edward A.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1388230	Johnson, Bernard	Cpl.	S10-24-18
1388202	Flaherty, Edward J.	Cpl.	W9-26-18	1388292	Johnson, John J.	Pvt.	Grant
2086400	Fredian, Maurice G.	Pvt.	K10-10-18	2063963	Johnston, William G.	Pvt.	S10-24-18
1988768	Freese, Walter H.	Pvt.	Grant	1388293	Kacinski, Vincent H.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1388285	French, Dee Marion	Sgt.	Grant	1388294	Kanne, William	Pvt.	Grant
1977878	Friend, John W.	Pvt.	Sherman	1388295	Kaufmann, Martin	Pvt. 1cl.	W9-26-18
1388286	Frousios, George D.	Pvt.	Grant				

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2093213	Kaufman, William	Pvt.	Grant	1388306	O'Toole, Michael J.		
2065051	Keyes, Robert	Pvt.	AWOL, 5-12-19			Pvt. 1cl.	T12-27-18
2061169	King, John J.	Pvt.	Grant	1977599	Pears, George	Pvt.	Pvt., S10-24-18
1388199	Knight, Robert M.	Sgt.	Grant	2151652	Pederson, Peder	Pvt.	Dodge
1388224	Knuip, Conrad R.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1388267	Peters, Frank J.	Pvt.	Grant
1388255	Koeihn, Walter C.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1388189	Pils, Charles	Sgt.	Grant
1395510	Koepper, Frank	Pvt.	Grant	1388217	Pietka, Charles	Cpl.	Grant
1388256	Kothanek, Joseph F.			1388307	Quinn, Frank L.	Pvt.	Grant
		Pvt. 1cl.	S8-29-18	1388269	Ralph, John W.	Pvt. 1cl.	S10-24-18
2064732	Krenek, Joseph	Pvt.	W8-12-18	1388271	Randall, Leonard G.	Cpl.	W9-28-18
2151621	Kruse, Herman J.	Pvt.	Dodge	1978268	Riddell, George	Pvt.	K10-10-18
2060987	Kuhn, Charles A.	Pvt.	W10-1-18	1388272	Riell, Eugene C.	Pvt. 1cl.	W7-4-18
1388222	Kukawka, Stefan	Cpl.	Grant	2558354	Ruef, Frank	Pvt.	W8-17-18
1388296	Kulinski, Felix	Pvt.	Grant	1388308	Schafer, Isadore	Cpl.	W8-17-18
2061018	LaRocco, Charles	Pvt.	Grant	1388273	Schiller, Adam	Pvt. 1cl.	T12-2-18
2151872	Larson, Behmore	Pvt.	D9-26-18	1165576	Seegert, Elmer H.	Sgt.	W11-10-18
2151879	Leonard, Ben C.	Pvt.	Dodge	1388219	Seffe, Joseph F.	Cpl.	W11-10-18
1977978	Lewis, Madison	Pvt.	W8-17-18	2064759	Sindelar, Frank	Pvt.	W8-17-18
2061168	Lewis, Max	Pvt.	Grant	1977712	Smith, Isaac W.	Pvt.	Sherman
2058803	Lewis, Paul	Pvt.	W7-24-18	1388274	Spitali, Carmelo		
1388297	Lewis, William I.	Pvt.	Grant			Pvt. 1cl.	W11-10-18
2088097	Lindahl, Arthur W.	Pvt.	Grant	1977632	Staples, Charles R.	Pvt.	Sherman
1977585	Lingeman, Harry E.	Pvt.	Sherman	1388310	Stevens, Fred A.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2152120	Loken, John	Pvt.	K10-10-18	1388311	Stock, Arthur	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2151882	Lundon, Francis H.	Pvt.	S10-24-18	1388207	Strand, Elmer A.	Cpl.	Grant
2087143	Lundquist, Nels A.	Pvt.	Grant	1388312	Sutkas, John	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1388299	Luznicki, George D.			2064767	Svestka, Edward	Pvt.	Grant
		Pvt. 1cl.	W10-11-18	1388313	Szybleski, Joseph	Pvt.	Grant
1388257	MacAllister, Harry E.			1388194	Thorne, William F.	Jr.	
		Pvt. 1cl.	K7-18-18			Cpl.	S11-2-18
2151628	McCarthy, Justin J.	Pvt.	Dodge	2152194	Tjepkes, George	Pvt.	Dodge
2152124	McGregor, George A.	Pvt.	Dodge	1388197	Tom, Arthur F.		
2152126	McHugh, Pete	Pvt.	Dodge			Cpl., Sk. Hosp.	Camp Mills, 5-29-19
2152127	McIntosh, James M.	Pvt.	Dodge	1388275	Tomaszewski, Walter J.		
1388205	MacGillivray, David O.	Cpl.	Grant			Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1388204	Mackenzie, David G.	Cpl.	W9-26-18	2061030	Trachtenberg, Samuel I.		
1388299	Manak, Joseph	Pvt. 1cl.	S10-24-18			Pvt.	W11-10-18
2152129	Mancuso, Santo	Pvt.	Dodge	1388214	Truesdale, George	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1977705	Maschmeyer, Albert C.			1388315	Turek, Bohumil J.	Pvt.	Grant
		Pvt.	W11-10-18	2151615	Vadnais, Louis	Pvt.	Dodge
2152131	Mason, John E.	Pvt.	W11-10-18	2060919	Vaydue, Julius	Pvt.	K3-2-19
1977178	Masterson, Elwood P.	Pvt.	W8-12-18	2151951	Veldhuizen, Jacob V.	Pvt.	Dodge
2151633	Mathison, William C.			1388227	Venske, John M.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
		Pvt.	W11-10-18	2152196	Verleson, Carl O.	Pvt.	S12-30-18
1388221	Mercatoris, Dominick L.	Cpl.	Grant	1977999	Vetters, John C.	Pvt.	Sherman
2151892	Meurer, George P.	Pvt.	W-8-16-18	1388276	Vilimovsky, Charles		
1388258	Meyer, John G.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant			Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2152133	Michael, Albert H.	Pvt.	K8-19-18	2152198	Vosburgh, Mike C.	Pvt.	Dodge
1395514	Miller, Bernard H.	Pvt.	Grant	2152199	Wachlin, Ernest H.	Pvt.	Dodge
2151893	Miller, Clarence	Pvt.	K8-19-18	2151697	Wadena, John S.	Pvt.	Dodge
1388259	Miller, Frederick M.	Cpl.	Grant	1388232	Wagner, Edward R.	Cpl.	Grant
1388261	Mills, Ray C.	Cpl.	D2-19	2152200	Wagner, Oscar F.	Pvt.	Dodge
1388302	Mitchell, Donald E.			1388277	Wallace, John	Pvt. 1cl.	S10-24-18
		Pvt. 1cl.	T2-25-19	2152201	Walt, Mike	Pvt.	Dodge
1388262	Mix, George H.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1388316	Washowicz, William		
2151640	Model, Joseph, Jr.	Pvt.	Dodge			Pvt.	1cl., Grant
1388303	Moe, Oscar E.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2151946	Waters, Daniel J.	Pvt.	Dodge
1388263	Murch, Lemroe	Cpl.	W10-11-18	1388278	Weber, Martin	Cook	Grant
1388230	Murray, Harry	Sp. Sgt.	Grant	1977681	Whisler, Charles B.	Pvt.	Sherman
1388304	Mydlowski, Stanley	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1388317	White, Ralph E.	Cpl.	S11-15-18
1388264	Myers, George F.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2152205	Wiederholz, Harry C.	Pvt.	Dodge
1388214	Nedved, George O.	Cpl.	W10-12-18	2151701	Wuburn, Joe	Pvt.	Dodge
1388193	Nelson, Herbert R.	Cpl.	W7-25-18	1388319	Williams, Daniel	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2152145	Nevala, Albert	Pvt.	Dodge	1388320	Winter, Fred H.	Pvt.	S10-24-18
2151898	Newberger, Roy E.	Pvt.	Dodge	1388220	Wishon, LeRoy	Cpl.	Grant
1388305	Nurmio, Uno E.	Pvt. 1cl.	S10-2-18	2151702	Woods, Elmer M.	Pvt.	Dodge
1977595	Oden, Forrest L.	Bugler	Sherman	2151953	Worden, Bernard E.	Pvt.	Dodge
1388266	Olsen, George J.	Cpl.	W11-10-18	2152208	Young, Lyle L.	Pvt.	Dodge
1388270	Olson, Franklin J. A.			2151954	Zacharias, Fred C.	Pvt.	Dodge
		Pvt. 1cl.	W8-16-18	1388323	Zinkel, Henry W.	Pvt.	Grant
2151645	Olson, Walter A.	Pvt.	K9-29-18				

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED ORGANIZATION LATER IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY K.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2151591	Ghittori, John M.			2152134	Miller, Hubert A.		
		Pvt.	J7-21-18, W8-17-18			Pvt.	J7-3-18, Dodge
1388188	Hoerber, John L.			2151649	Paulson, Harry H.		
		Cpl.	J7-25-18, Grant			Pvt.	J7-20-18 S12-30-18
2151626	Lund, Raymond W.						
		Pvt.	J7-20-18, Dodge				

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ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY K.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2662870	Allardice, Charles L.	Pvt.,	J11-18-18, Sherman	2871553	Epperson, Alvin W.	Pvt.,	J9-30-18, Pike
2866767	Baker, Joe W.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, K10-8-18	1945151	Farbstein, Hyman	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Sherman
2968788	Ballard, Lemuel G	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Meade	3118818	Fowler, Emmett G.	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, S12-30-18
2369447	Barker, Oscar J.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, S10-24-18	2077187	Frettem, Henry O.	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, Dodge
3170929	Beale, Thomas	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, K10-24-18	3486355	Fullerton, Ernest C.	Pvt.,	J9-30-18, Gordon
3173057	Belles, Joseph L.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Dix	2661487	Gardner, Edwin B.	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Grant
3168992	Bliley, Charles B.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Lee	3168987	Goldback, Otto E.	Pvt.,	J11-11-19, Lee
2661313	Braden, Otis E.	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, Grant	2662103	Haberkorn, Adolph J.	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, Grant
2968882	Brannum, Luther	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Meade	2969158	Hager, Homer	Pvt.,	J11-11-19, Meade
3170743	Bristow, Atler S.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Lee	3168947	Howlett, William E.	Pvt.,	J11-11-19, Lee
2967562	Brooks, James R.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Lee	2968930	Johnson, Christopher E.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Meade
2968929	Bryan, Herbert D.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Meade	3497324	Johnson, George E.	Pvt.,	J11-24-18, Gordon
2871763	Byrd, Emsley	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	1951154	Kananowicz, Toney	Pvt.,	J11-24-18, Sherman
2873800	Byrum, William W.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	3777783	Kascheres, Frederick	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, S5-12-19
3169055	Campbell, Harry A.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Lee	3485534	Kees, Harry P.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Grant
2969069	Canterbury, Elmer R.	Pvt.,	J10-5-18, Meade	3501170	Kellum, Robert A.	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Gordon
3169087	Carlyle, Thomas F.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Lee	3485627	Klager, Emil J.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, W10-11-18
2315250	Carpinelli, Ferdinand	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, Upton	3751773	Klug, Arthur	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, Grant
3804570	Carter, James H.	Pvt.,	J11-18-18, Pike	2151619	Koopman, William H.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, S10-24-18
3171138	Casto, Oscar C.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Meade	2080827	Kuehl, Martin W.	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, Dodge
3749119	Chandler, Leslie E.	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, Grant	2968842	Lacy, Reed.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Meade
3169065	Cheatham, William W.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, S12-30-18	2871853	Lamb, Gaither D.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2967525	Chenault, Fred M.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Lee	2831950	Larsen, Walter C.	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, Grant
2968863	Childers, James	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, W10-10-18	3339586	Larson, Arthur	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, Dodge
3169022	Childrey, Archie G.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, S10-24-18	2101828	Linton, William	Pvt.,	J11-11-19, S5-12-19
2871749	Chitwood, Benjamin H.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	2832372	Lusk, George J.	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, Grant
2860416	Civils, John W.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, K10-8-18	2669420	McLaughlin, Charles A.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Upton
2969086	Colgrove, John H.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Meade	380658	McMullin, Patrick	Pvt.,	J1-3-19, Upton
2871267	Cooper, Robert L.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, S5-12-19	2427193	Manusevitz, Harry	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, K10-10-18
3168910	Coover, Ralph A.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Lee	2824884	Martens, Bernard R.	Pvt.,	J1-3-19, Grant
2871157	Crooswhite, John	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, S12-30-18	2151631	Martin, Bert M.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, W10-10-18
3169961	Cummings, Walter C.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Meade	3339331	Miller, Guy L.	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, Dodge
2299649	Darby, Joe	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Re-enlisted Camp Mills	3335202	Moritz, Frank	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, Dodge
3168958	Davis, John E.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Lee	2426159	Neighbarger, Cary A.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Sherman
3275147	Davis, Vernon R.	Pvt.,	J11-18-18, Shelby	3501646	Phillips, Ben	Pvt.,	J11-18-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
2969219	Dewees, Phillip H.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Meade	731784	Powell, Price	Pvt.,	J11-11-19, S5-12-19
3485750	Doble, Martin F.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, S11-15-18	2968811	Rabel, John	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Meade
3169922	Donegia, Wayman A.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Meade	3503695	Reid, William J.	Pvt.,	J11-11-19, S5-12-19
3485822	Driscoll, Thomas E.	Pvt. 1cl.,	J10-2-18, Dix	3171469	Richards, Allen	Pvt.,	J11-11-19, Lee
2080824	Elberg, Anton E.	Pvt.,	J11-21-18, S5-12-19	2660485	Roach, Sherman H.	Pvt.,	J11-11-19, Sherman
				3275287	Salva, Joseph	Pvt.,	J11-11-19, Gordon

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1944128	Sargent, Harry E.			2020443	Sesko, Frank J.		
		Pvt.	J9-30-18, Sherman			Pvt.	J1-13-19, Grant
1401019	Schaffer, James A.			2066390	Spier, Joseph M.		
		Pvt.	J2-12-19, Grant			Pvt.	J11-21-18, Dodge
3274881	Schlink, John			2658025	Stansley, Gabriel		
		Pvt.	J1-11-19, T5-12-19			Pvt.	J11-21-18, Sherman
3750022	Schrier, Louis			4123439	Waltz, Loyd Charles		
		Pvt.	J11-21-18, Grant			Pvt.	J11-14-18, Sherman
2072179	Schultz, Herman F.			3767210	Watts, Albert H.		
		Pvt.	J11-21-18, Grant			Pvt.	J11-14-18, S1-31-19

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ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY,
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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1388354	Abbati, Angelo	Cook, Grant	1977503	Dix, Howard E.	Pvt., Sherman
3188356	Allison, Frank J.	.....	Pvt., Grant	2159372	Doten, Lawrence E.	Pvt.,	W10-10-18
1388355	Allen, Homer	.....	Pvt., T7-28-18	1388386	Dratwa, Steve J.	.....	Pvt., T12-27-18
1388358	Anderson, Edward	.....	Sgt., S8-12-18	1388387	Duffy, Walter J.	.....	Pvt., Grant
2059984	Anderson, Edward A.	Mech.,	Grant	2158101	Dunnett, Frank	.....	Pvt., W10-10-18
2159347	Anderson, Hoder	.....	Pvt., Dodge	1388389	Duschaneck, Anton	Cpl.,	K10-11-18
1388359	Barbera, Jacob G.	.....	Pvt., Grant	2158193	Eckhoff, John	.....	Pvt. 1cl., T2-4-19
2156650	Barclay, James S.	.....	Pvt., S11-25-18	1977874	Edwards, Howard C.	.....	Pvt., Taylor
1977870	Barkley, Lige L.	.....	Pvt., Grant	2061178	Erickson, Axel T.	Pvt. 1cl.,	T2-22-19
1388360	Barrett, Edward J.	.....	Pvt., Grant	2159623	Erickson, Peter C.	.....	Pvt., Dodge
1388361	Beck, Alfred H.	.....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant	2158108	Espe, Stanley D.	.....	Pvt., W9-26-18
1388363	Bendheim, Sol.	.....	Pvt., W9-26-18	2060909	Evangelistea, John	.....	Cpl., Grant
2157882	Berg, Martin N.	.....	Pvt., Dodge	1388390	Evans, Ellis W.	.....	Cpl., S9-26-18
2157689	Berg, Nels M.	.....	Pvt., Dodge	2158110	Fairchild, Herbert E.	.....	Pvt., S10-11-18
1388364	Berg, William D.	.....	Pvt., W9-26-18	1976230	Farrow, Elmer Benjamin	.....	Pvt., T4-18-19
2157892	Best, William J.	.....	Pvt., W10-15-18	2061203	Fazio, Saverio	.....	Pvt., Grant
1388365	Biddle, Melville L.	.....	Cpl., Grant	1388392	Felton, Rudolph	.....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1388367	Billemeier, Clarence A.	.....	Pvt. 1cl., K10-6-18	1388393	Fingal, Albin	Pvt., 1cl.,	K10-11-18
1388368	Bogdonos, Joseph	.....	Cook, Grant	2161205	Fino, Anthony	.....	Pvt., Grant
1388369	Boland, Frank	.....	Pvt., W11-10-18	1388394	Fishman, Paul	.....	Pvt., S10-10-18
2060013	Bonczkowski, Stephen E.	.....	Cpl., Grant	2088766	Franco, Antonio	.....	Pvt., Grant
1388370	Boyatt, Charles R.	.....	Cpl., Sherman	2061165	Franken, Robert L.	Cpl.,	S2-25-18
2086418	Bredal, Hans S.	.....	Pvt., W8-13-18	2088518	Freberg, Rudolph C.	.....	Pvt., Grant
2088894	Brejcha, Charles A.	.....	Pvt., Grant	1977957	Gentry, Robert S.	.....	Cpl., Taylor
2088475	Brennan, John J.	.....	Pvt., S10-10-18	2060933	Geraci, John F.	Pvt. 1cl.,	W8-13-18
2086417	Brennan, Norbert A.	.....	Cpl., W10-10-18, Grant	1388395	Gibbons, Walter J.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
2087919	Brink, Stanley L.	.....	Pvt., W8-20-18	1388398	Gibson, Ray W.	.....	Sgt., Grant
2086891	Briol, Frank J.	.....	Pvt., Grant	1977965	Gilliam, Preston	.....	Pvt., Taylor
1388372	Brootts, Ervine C.	.....	Pvt., T5-9-19	1388397	Giordano, Francisco	Pvt.,	S1-19-19
2159363	Burow, August	.....	Pvt., Dodge	1388398	Glah, Louie J.	.....	Mech., Grant
1388374	Callahan, Frank J.	Sgt.,	T9-25-18	2163829	Goldin, Edward J.	.....	Pvt., Dodge
1388375	Carlson, Gunner C.	Pvt.,	K10-11-18	1388399	Goniakowski, Joseph	Sgt.,	T9-30-18
1388376	Caroway, Joseph W.	.....	Pvt. 1cl., Disch'd 5-25-19	1978333	Goodley, Roy B.	.....	Pvt., Sherman
2086810	Celdynis, George	.....	Pvt., W9-26-18	2156707	Gordon, William J.	.....	Pvt., Dodge
2087927	Chandler, Darwin C.	.....	Pvt., Grant	1388400	Gorham, Charles C.	.....	Cook, Discharged 5-25-19
1388377	Chapman, Werner Y.	.....	Pvt., Grant	1976233	Goudie, Harry E.	.....	Pvt., W9-26-18
2088488	Chase, Leon P.	.....	Pvt., Grant	1378401	Gough, Edward A.	.....	Pvt., Grant
1388378	Ceslak, Stanley	.....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant	2157958	Haden, Ray A.	.....	Pvt., Dodge
1388379	Conway, Neal J.	.....	Pvt., Grant	1388404	Hagerman, Earl R.	.....	Pvt., Grant
2150821	Cooney, Fenn H.	.....	Pvt., W8-14-18	2160852	Hansen, Carl J.	.....	Pvt., K11-10-18
2087930	Crawford, Guy W.	.....	Pvt., W9-26-18	1977700	Hartman, Cecil E.	.....	Pvt., Sherman
2088497	Creed, Patrick M.	.....	Pvt., W10-10-18	1388407	Hartman, William E.	.....	Pvt. 1cl., K10-11-18
1977500	Crews, Charley O.	.....	Pvt., Sherman	2151347	Harvey, Wallace	Pvt.,	W10-13-18
2086450	Cronin, John B.	.....	Pvt., S8-6-18	1388408	Heble, Frank K.	Pvt. 1cl.,	S9-26-18
1388080	Crotty, George A.	.....	Sgt., Grant	1388409	Heines, Robert	Pvt. 1cl.,	W8-13-18
1388381	Cunningham, Patrick W.	.....	1st Sgt., Grant	1388410	Horan, Sherman M.	.....	Pvt., Grant
2059989	Curtis, Nathan M.	.....	Cpl., Grant	1977972	Igo, Emery	.....	Pvt., W8-19-18
1388382	D'Agostino, Alexandro	Pvt.,	Grant	1388411	Irwin, Clarence	.....	Sgt., K10-11-18
2087050	Davidson, James M.	Pvt.,	S10-15-18	1388412	Johnson, Edward G.	Cpl.,	W8-8-18
1977690	Davis, Ben H.	.....	Pvt., K10-10-18	1388421	Johnson, Eloh H.	Pvt. 1cl.,	K10-11-18
2089519	Davis, William	.....	Pvt., S8-10-18	1388415	Kadison, David	.....	Pvt., Grant
2087052	Delaney, James D.	.....	Pvt., Grant	2063019	Kartheiser, William N.	.....	Cpl., K10-25-18
2088500	Deter, Emil	.....	Pvt., Grant	1388419	Knapp, Ernest L.	.....	Cook, Grant
2088501	Detmering, Loren E.	Pvt.,	Grant	2086566	Kokaisl, Joseph F.	.....	Pvt., Grant
1388383	DeYoung, James M.	Pvt., Grant	2065052	Kortman, Joseph S.	Cpl., Grant
1388384	Divito, Ettore	Pvt., Grant	1388420	Krapf, George A.	Cpl., Grant

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1388413	Kucinski, Jacob	Pvt.	1cl, K10-2-18	2086686	Reinert, John M.	Pvt.	S8-13-18
1388423	Kulpit, Frank	Pvt.	K11-10-18	2086694	Reuhl, George A. H.	Pvt.	S10-2-18
2063316	Kurtz, Albert K.	Pvt.	Grant	1388469	Riley, Henry	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant
1388426	Lamberti, William R.	Pvt. 1cl,	K8-13-18	2065063	Roberts, Richard W.	Pvt.	Grant
2086589	Lane, Andrew S.	Pvt.	Grant	1388470	Roeschen, Henry	Pvt.	Grant
2151138	Larkin, Joseph J.	Pvt.	Dodge	2072818	Roy, Max M.	Pvt.	Custor
2158657	Larson, Harold J.	Pvt.	Dodge	1388472	Ruanyan, Leonard A.	Bugler,	S1-19-19
2060959	Larsen, John	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant	2159495	Ryberg, Victor A.	Pvt.	Dodge
1976717	Lauber, William Edward	Pvt.	W9-26-18	1388472	Rybinski, Theodore	Pvt.	W8-13-18
1978256	Lee, Robert A.	Pvt.	W9-26-18	1388473	Sanders, Charles S.	Cook,	Grant
2159672	Leibfaled, Frank M.	Pvt.	W10-15-18	2059970	Sapienza, Joseph	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant
1977584	Lietzman, Loran C.	Pvt.	S11-11-18	1388475	Scalzitti, Constantino	Pvt.	K8-19-18
2151140	Lembke, Henry	Pvt.	K11-10-18	1388476	Schalk, Charles A.	Sgt.	T10-16-18
2078123	Lemmon, Albert J.	Sgt.	Grant	1978270	Schell, Herbert	Pvt.	S10-16-18
1388428	Lettiere, Michael	Pvt.	Grant	2063333	Schmidt, Joseph	Pvt.	Grant
2159422	Leuth, Otto	Pvt.	Dodge	2060020	Schmitt, Charles A.	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant
2159160	Levey, Mortimer C.	Pvt.	Dodge	1388477	Schneider, Harold M.	Cpl.	W10-11-18
1388429	Lewandowski, Stanley	Pvt. 1cl,	S4-12-19	2062896	Schueneman, Harry R.	Pvt.	Grant
1978258	Lewis, Frank H.	Pvt.	Sherman	1388478	Segale, George B.	Cpl.	Grant
2057713	Linnenkohl, Gottlieb W.	Sgt.	S5-5-19	2059976	Shannon, George R.	Pvt. 1cl,	S9-30-18
1388431	Lorig, Leo L.	Pvt.	S9-25-18	2061931	Skogberg, Vivian	Cpl.	W9-26-18
2157967	Ludvigson, Benjamin	Pvt.	Dodge	2059406	Smerlin, Andrew J.	Pvt. 1cl,	W9-26-18
2157637	McCarville, John J.	Pvt.	Dodge	1977996	Smith, John H.	Pvt.	Taylor
2159428	McClary, Victor O.	Pvt.	Dodge	1388418	Smyth, Isaac	Cpl.	S10-6-18
1388436	McCutcheon, Harvey	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant	1388482	Snider, Mathias A.	Pvt. 1cl,	S8-16-18
1388427	McGowan, Angus	Pvt.	Grant	2059968	Stavers, Harold E.	Sgt.	Grant
2061007	McGuire, James R.	Pvt. 1cl,	T2-20-19	2063905	Stevingson, Harold J.	Cpl.	Grant
1388439	McKiernan, James M.	Mech.	Grant	1388487	Stolzman, Elmer O.	Cpl.	Grant
1388440	McLaughlin, Thomas F.	Pvt.	K11-10-18	2059944	Suttle, Frank McE.	Pvt.	W8-13-18
2087151	Mader, George L.	Pvt.	S9-20-18	1388488	Swabey, Frederick H.	Cpl.	W10-13-18
2558465	Mahan, Sherman John	Pvt.	Dodge	1388489	Szablinski, Wladyslaw	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant
2086795	Maiszak, John B.	Pvt.	Grant	2062958	Teason, Leonard W.	Pvt.	Grant
1388433	Mambourg, Frank J.	Pvt.	W10-11-18	1388491	Tessman, Herman C.	Cpl.	W10-5-18
1977980	Matlock, Ralph	Pvt.	Sherman	1388493	Tracey, Harry E.	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant
2158153	Mattelin, Clarence R.	Pvt.	W9-26-18	1388495	Urso, Gregory	Pvt.	Grant
1388442	Michalik, John	Pvt.	Grant	1975719	Vincent, Harry	Pvt.	K10-10-18
1388444	Miller, Albert	Pvt.	Grant	1388498	Vincitore, Ciro	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1388445	Moore, Albert O.	Cpl.	W9-26-18	1388499	Vinls, Harry S.	Pvt.	S10-15-18
1388446	Nagel, Elmer P.	Sgt.	Grant	2064967	VonArx, H.	Pvt.	T5-5-19
1388447	Neazbe, Joseph	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant	1977896	Waggoner, James	Pvt.	S1-30-19
1388448	Nelson, Peter	Pvt.	Grant	2055904	Wagner, Oscar C.	Pvt.	Grant
1388450	Novak, Joseph	Cpl.	Grant	2159485	Waldemar, Selmar	Pvt.	Dodge
1368451	Nygren, Elmar	Pvt.	Grant	2158235	Waller, Hubert W.	Pvt.	W9-26-18
1388453	Olszewski, Stanley	Pvt.	Grant	1389468	Walters, Fred	Sgt.	K10-10-18
2058768	Ostiek, John J.	Pvt.	Grant	1977897	Ward, William	Pvt.	W10-13-18
1977597	Ousley, Willie	Pvt.	Taylor	1388503	Wayer, Edward J.	Sgt.	W10-8-18
1388454	Owsianowski, Roman	Pvt.	Grant	2158237	Weber, Elmer R.	Pvt.	W9-26-18
1388455	Pardon, James	Cpl.	Grant	1388504	Weichselbraun, Fred C.	Pvt.	D3-20-19
2086662	Patterson, Robert G.	Pvt.	W10-6-18	1388508	Weizarek, Joe	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant
2088027	Petatz, Martin C.	Pvt.	Grant	2157732	Weinberger, Fred	William	Pvt., Dodge
2063636	Pickel, Chris J.	Pvt.	Grant	2063433	Weinert, Clarence H.	Pvt.	Grant
1388459	Piskosz, Theofil	Pvt. 1cl,	K10-10-18	1388505	Weis, Peter	Pvt.	W11-10-18
1386460	Poci, Tony	Pvt. 1cl,	W10-10-18	2159487	Weishair, Roy O.	Pvt.	T7-21-18
1388451	Poduch, Joseph	Pvt.	Grant	2158177	Welch, Richard B.	Pvt.	W10-10-18
1977989	Potter, Walter	Pvt.	Taylor	1388507	Wenzel, Edward C.	Mech.	Grant
2059400	Pollos, Peter	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant	2158178	Wilcox, Frank J.	Pvt.	Dodge
1388464	Pretlzk, William	Pvt. 1cl,	K4-6-19	2158179	Will, Martin J.	Pvt.	T12-27-18
2063232	Puddy, Edward	Pvt.	Grant	1388509	Wimble, William F.	Pvt.	T9-1-18
1388465	Puffpuff, William	Pvt. 1cl,	W8-10-18	1388510	Wingter, Anton R.	Sgt.	Grant
1977603	Ramsey, Albert N.	Pvt.	Sherman	1388511	Wnuik, Ignatz	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant
2062951	Reed, Arthur H.	Pvt.	W10-16-18	2063613	Zeman, Edward G.	Pvt.	Grant
1388468	Reed, F. J.	Mess Sgt.	T9-21-18	1388515	Zydel, Joseph	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant
2063039	Reichmann, Walter C.	Pvt.	W10-6-18				

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED ORGANIZATION LATER IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY L.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1388357	Anctzak, John	Pvt.	J8-30-18, S8-19-18	1388385	Draftz, Harry C.	Pvt.	J6-31-18, Grant
1388362	Becklenberg, Harold	Pvt. 1cl,	J8-30-18, Grant	2064934	Dreher, Edward L.	Pvt.	J6-31-18, Grant

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1388414	Jones, Granville W.	Pvt.,	J6-31-18, S9-23-18	1388443	Midkiff, Holly	1st Sgt.,	J7-15-18, Grant
1388418	Keane, John P.	Pvt.,	J7-4-18, Grant	1388403	Power, James E.	Pvt.,	J7-4-18, T9-1-18
1388422	Kuhn, Harry L.	Pvt.,	J7-4-18, W10-11-18	1388516	Synek, Frank	Pvt.,	J7-15-18, Grant
1388425	Kurten, Lawrence H.	Pvt.,	J7-4-18, Grant	1388492	Thorsen, Oliver T.	Pvt.,	J7-15-18, Grant
1388427	Lennartz, Frank J.	Pvt.,	J7-4-18	1388312	Walker, Perry	Pvt.,	J7-15-18, Grant
1388423	McDermid, John F.	Pvt.,	J7-15-18, D4-6-19	2059959	Yacullo, Anthony M.	Pvt.,	J7-15-18, Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS TRANSFERRED TO 131ST INFANTRY AFTER ARRIVAL IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY L.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1377040	Roney, Roscoe C.	Cpl.,	J11-11-18, Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY L.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3171159	Aasbury, Robert W.	Pvt.,	J4-1-19, Meade	3485388	Henderson, Darl C.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Sherman
2299909	Adomitis, Paul	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Upton	3805260	Hendley, Cornelius	Pvt.,	J4-1-19, Pike
3803422	Arning, Henry B.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S1-16-19	3485436	Higgins, Homer E.	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Sherman
3170758	Bangham, Frank	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, W10-2-18	3485819	Hoff, Fred J.	Pvt.,	J11-13-18, Grant
1388731	Barnett, William H.	Pvt.,	J4-20-19, Grant	2066360	Johnson, Flager	Pvt.,	J4-1-19, Dodge
4085518	Borlie, Charles M.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, T5-7-19	3175228	Jordan, Frank	Pvt.,	J11-13-18, S11-15-18
1335785	Buelow, Leroy L.	Pvt.,	J1-16-18, Grant	3485610	Keeper, Easter E.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Sherman
3171730	Cassidy, Mike	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, W10-15-18	3501267	Kight, Romanus F.	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Gordon
3161710	Combs, James E.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, W10-2-18	3806902	Kirkpatrick, Ralph W.	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Dodge
2969060	Conrad, Fred G.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, W10-11-18	3806114	Kmitson, Emil A.	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, T5-5-19
3171130	Corbett, John T.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, W10-11-18	3170091	Kubatski, George	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S11-21-18
2871129	Cossett, Leslie L.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Shelby	3070135	Kubiak, Steve	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, W10-11-18
1386040	Count, Charles D.	Pvt.,	J4-5-19, Grant	3170094	Lanagan, Harry V.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Dlx
3168948	Creckenbarger, Aubrey W.	Pvt.,	J10-3-18, Meade	2868955	Langford, Virgil	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Pike
3169046	Curtis, John P.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Meade	1386121	Lathrop, Alfred R.	Pvt.,	J12-27-18, T5-9-19
3802058	Dershein, Frank R.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, T5-5-19	3560045	Ledford, James	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3171741	Drake, Elmer E.	Pvt.,	J10-2-18, Dlx	2873196	Lewis, Oscar L.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3500999	Elmore, Edgar	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S10-15-18	2833243	Lexow, Henry	Pvt.,	J4-1-19, Grant
3270078	Falk, George	Pvt.,	J4-1-19, Gordon	2315253	Lizotte, Joseph J.	Pvt.,	J4-5-19, Devans
3497225	Farmer, Egbert H.	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Gordon	3171959	Lohr, Arthur S.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Meade
2873198	Fesmire, Robert H.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Taylor	3497239	Markwalter, Clarence	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Gordon
3497424	Fouche, Hallie	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Disch'd 4-1-19	3497233	Martin, William L.	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Gordon
2662081	Froebe, William	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Grant	2299557	McCabe, William	Pvt.,	J3-5-19, Dlx
3497345	Graham, William J.	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Gordon	3277455	Messler, Dennis W.	Pvt.,	J11-14-18, T5-5-19
2968789	Green, Walter S.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Meade	3337578	Miller, Paul	Pvt.,	J3-9-19, Dodge
3166235	Grick, Elmer C.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, S10-10-18	3637280	Milius, Peter	Pvt.,	J1-26-19, Dlx
3809004	Hastings, William F.	Pvt.,	J10-1-18, S11-1-18	2462353	Method, Charles H.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, W10-11-18
				3499854	Ogg, Benjamin M.	Pvt.,	J9-29-18, T5-5-19

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4096107	Parlato, James			3806372	Shotsberger, Wm.		
		Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Upton			Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Dodge
3485767	Payne, Wm. M.			3499833	Sims, James V.		
		Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Sherman			Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Gordon
3499963	Pervis, Robert A.			1950879	Sisco, David T.		
		Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Gordon			Pvt.,	J3-11-19, Sherman
1388438	Piasecki, Maxmillian A.			3633454	Smith, Edgar P.		
		Pvt. 1cl.,	J11-22-18, Grant			Pvt.,	J4-1-19, Meade
3803411	Pommer, Aultman			3811688	Smith, Jasper C.		
		Pvt.,	J10-1-18, Dodge			Pvt.,	J4-1-19, Dodge
2871474	Putman, Isaac E.			3502118	Smith, Joe T.		
		Pvt.,	J4-1-19, Pike			Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Gordon
380936	Reilly, Thomas J.			2299806	Sosh, Herman	Pvt.,	J3-9-19, Dix
		Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Upton	3498391	Spell, William		
3499670	Rice, Dalton C.					Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Gordon
		Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	3873833	Stevens, Girlie L.		
1960083	Rine, Hiram J.					Pvt.,	J10-2-18, S10-11-18
3486664	Rouland, Wilbur			3806060	Tesdahl, Martin		
		Sgt.,	J9-29-18, S9-29-18			Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Dodge
3642968	Rudolph, Stanley			3766919	Thurman, Fred		
		Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Dix			Pvt.,	J1-26-19, Taylor
3499956	Savage, Roy A.			3628682	Tobin, Arthur		
		Pvt.,	J11-14-18, S1-3-19			Sgt.,	J9-29-18, W10-10-18
3501070	Sawyer, Jeffie I.			2299841	Wild, Albert	Pvt.,	J3-19-19, Dix
		Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Ft. Oglethorpe	2315238	Williamson, Warner G.		
3367323	Schuhart, Joseph J.					Pvt.,	J9-29-18, Upton
		Pvt.,	J11-14-18, Grant				

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1388583	Allison, Donald W.	Bugler,	Grant	2154289	Enlund, Ellis W.	Pvt.,	Dodge
1388624	Anderson, Carl E.	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant	1388643	Erlandson, John H.	Pvt.,	K10-14-18
2088458	Anderson, Charles J.	Pvt.,	W8-29-18	1388595	Flagg, Daniel S.	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant
2088519	Anderson, Elmer R.	Pvt.,	S8-29-18	2081141	Flaherty, John	Pvt.,	Grant
1388584	Anderson, Sigfred	Pvt.,	S2-10-19	1977876	Fox, Ray	Pvt.,	T4-22-19
1388625	Anniballe, Leonardo	Pvt.,	Grant	1388596	Fox, Raymond A.	Pvt.,	Grant
2088459	Arentz, John R.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388644	Friedman, Herman	Pvt.,	S8-2-18
1388544	Baker, Martyn S.	Sgt.,	Grant	1978248	Gill, Frank J.	Pvt.,	Sherman
2057755	Banks, Martin D.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388646	Gleason, Robert		
1388559	Barnitz, Thomas G.	Cpl.,	Grant			Pvt. 1cl.,	W11-10-18
2058132	Barr, Alvery J.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388647	Gorbachuk, Tony	Pvt.,	Grant
1388626	Barrowman, James	Pvt.,	W8-2-18	2087277	Gorham, Charles T.	Pvt.,	S9-19-18
1388585	Beel, Garrett W.	Pvt. 1cl,	T7-24-18	1388648	Grady, William J.	Mech.,	Grant
2092161	Beller, George M.	Pvt.,	T2-15-19	1388649	Grant, David	Pvt.,	W8-29-18
2086861	Biertya, Michael	Pvt.,	K11-10-18	1388598	Greenman, Garald A.		
1388586	Blackburn, Edgar	Pvt. 1cl,	Grant			Pvt.,	W10-27-18
1388627	Bliet, Charles T.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388370	Greer, David A.	Pvt.,	Grant
2086430	Bloom, Walter	Pvt.,	S8-27-18	1375123	Grib, Edmond E.	Pvt.,	W8-29-18
2060738	Boening, Philip J.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388599	Grimm, Rudolph H.		
1388628	Boswell, Harold	Pvt.,	K7-4-18			Pvt. 1cl.,	S10-28-18
1388587	Boulware, LeRoy E.	Pvt.,	S10-19-18	2060894	Grist, Frank	Pvt.,	K8-10-18
2087020	Brabec, Theophilus P.	Pvt.,	Grant	2062921	Guley, William	Pvt.,	K11-10-18
1395473	Branyen, William H.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388600	Gunderson, Rudolph		
2088886	Brazil, Robert E.	Pvt.,	K8-15-18			Pvt. 1cl.,	T11-26-18
1388563	Bresin, William R.	Cpl.,	S10-11-18	1388601	Halper, Seth A.	Cpl.,	K8-10-18
1388629	Brockman, Irving W.			1388577	Hanley, John F.	Mech.,	S8-14-18
		Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	2151845	Hanrahan, Aloysius J.	Pvt.,	Dodge
1977943	Burkhardt, Bradley	Pvt.,	K6-30-18	1388650	Harenga, Joseph	Pvt.,	Grant
1388631	Budreckis, Alexander	Pvt.,	Grant	1388651	Harrison, Nelson J.	Cpl.,	S8-29-18
1388589	Budreckis, Stanislaus			1977669	Hartman, Edward	Pvt.,	Sherman
		Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1977578	Hartwell, Cecil E.	Pvt.,	Sherman
1388632	Buraczewski, Stanley	Pvt.,	Grant	2062923	Held, John N.	Pvt.,	Grant
1388633	Burton, Ward I.	Pvt.,	Grant	1386074	Henderson, Harvey F.	Pvt.,	Grant
1977848	Eutoch, Glenn	Pvt.,	K8-10-18	1388652	Herter, Edward	Pvt.,	W11-27-18
1388634	Cadiff, Abraham	Pvt.,	Devens	1978161	Hilton, William Monroe		
1388580	Carlson, Adolph W.	Cook,	Grant			Pvt.,	W8-29-18
1388569	Carleton, William E.	Cpl.,	W8-10-18	1388653	Hoegger, Rudolph	Pvt.,	Grant
1388564	Carlin, Swen	Pvt.,	Grant	1388574	Hoffman, Ladislaus W.		
1388566	Carqueville, Ralph O.					Mech.,	Grant
		Pvt.,	D11-10-18	2060700	Holm, Martin	Pvt.,	W11-29-18
1388578	Carroll, James Edgar			1388579	Hutchins, Roy O.	Cook,	Grant
		Cook,	D11-10-18	1388603	Hutchinson, Joseph A.		
2064665	Cass, Thomas R.	Cpl.,	Grant			Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1388635	Cassioppi, Charles H.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388581	Jackson, Albert M.	Cook,	Grant
1388636	Chapp, Joseph J., Jr.	Bugler,	Grant	1977481	Johnson, Ernest	Pvt.,	Sherman
1977687	Chapple, Jesse J.	Pvt.,	W8-10-18	1388729	Johnson, John A.	Pvt.,	Grant
1388667	Christian George M.	Pvt.,	W8-2-18	2058934	Kandell, George M.	Pvt.,	S8-29-18
1388638	Cobb, Cyrus A.	Pvt.,	S10-4-18	1388549	Keable, Hugh	Sgt.,	W8-29-18
1388591	Colbourn, Claude E.			1388605	Keating, Walter S.		
		Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant			Pvt. 1cl.,	T2-3-19
1977587	Collis, Kenneth C.	Pvt.,	Sherman	1388606	Kishonas, Frank	Pvt. 1cl.,	S9-27-18
1388639	Curry, William H.	Pvt.,	Grant	2072789	Klose, Leonard R.	Pvt.,	Grant
1388640	Dalstra, George H.	Pvt.,	S8-2-18	2062932	Koevara, John J.	Pvt.,	Grant
1977873	Dameron, Everett	Pvt.,	Taylor	1388576	Kofoed, Christ	Mech.,	Grant
1388732	Davies, Edward M.	Sp. Sgt.,	Grant	1388656	Kot, Stephen	Pvt.,	W10-27-18
1388592	Davis, William	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1388607	Koza, George B.	Cpl.,	Grant
1388567	Dutton, Albert A.	Cpl.,	Grant	2159667	Kracht, George Charles	Pvt.,	Dodge
1388593	Dillen, James E.	Pvt. 1cl.,	S8-29-18	1388657	Kramer, Lawrence B.	Pvt.,	Grant
1977693	Eakin, Arley Russell	Pvt.,	Sherman	1388658	Kranz, Raymond E.	Pvt.,	Grant
1388642	Eisenberg, Solomon	Pvt.,	S8-10-18	1388658	Kujawa, Joseph	Pvt.,	W8-29-18
1388555	Emich, Fred F.	Pvt.,	W11-10-18	1388570	Kumpfer, Albert	Cpl.,	Grant

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1388659	Laff, Peter.....	Pvt.	Grant	1977988	Pittman, Clifford....	Pvt.	Sherman
1977674	Lambert, Jesse F....	Pvt.	Sherman	1388678	Folk, Edward.....	Pvt.	Grant
1388660	Lasser, Benjamin.....	Pvt.	Grant	1388679	Follaro, Phillip.....	Pvt.	Grant
1388661	Lawrence, Peter P....	Pvt.	Grant	1388680	Foote, John B.....	Pvt.	S2-10-19
1165560	Lee, John J., 1st Sgt.	W1-29-18		1388681	Posbeck, Arthur W.	Pvt.	WS-29-18
1977856	Leonard, Dwight B....	Pvt.	Sherman	2059387	Predovich, John J....	Pvt.	Grant
2159673	Lewis, Magnus.....	Pvt.	Dodge	1388682	Primak, Paul.....	Pvt.	W10-29-18
2087281	Liebl, Andrew F.....	Pvt.	S8-29-18	1388683	Priscal, Emil.....	Pvt.	Grant
2086864	Liello, Joseph.....	Pvt.	Grant	1388616	Quigley, Edward J....	Pvt.	Mills
1975645	Loesche, Adolph L....	Pvt.	Grant	1388684	Reynolds, Guy B.....	Pvt.	S2-11-19
1388561	Loh, Russell.....	Cpl.	Grant	2059978	Reynolds, Thomas....	Pvt.	Grant
1388553	Loving, Hilding W.	Pvt.	W10-27-18	1388685	Riccioni, Guisepp....	Pvt.	Grant
1977846	Lovinger, Wilburn....	Pvt.	S10-27-18	1388687	Rozanski, Henry.....	Pvt.	Grant
2058150	Lux, Eugene M.....	Pvt.	Grant	2157003	Rudolph, George G.	Pvt.	WS-29-18
2057707	McBreen, Leo M.....	Pvt.	T2-3-19	1977608	Ryan, Roy H.....	Pvt.	Sherman
1388609	McCarthy, James L.	Cpl.	WS-29-18	1388568	Schmeichel, George..	Cpl.	S10-24-18
2157122	McDonald, Bert.....	Pvt.	T2-3-19	1388550	Schroeder, Carl W....	Sgt.	Grant
1978260	McGrath, John M....	Pvt.	Sherman	1388557	Schultz, Arthur G....	Cpl.	Grant
2058764	McGrory, Michael J.	Pvt.	W11-27-18	1386101	Schulz, Frank.....	Pvt.	WS-29-18
1388666	McIntyre, Walter....	Pvt.	WS-27-18	2086739	Serum, Louis.....	Pvt.	S8-29-18
1388610	McMurray, Jess. P., 1cl.	S8-27-18		1388571	Shepard, Royal K....	Pvt.	1cl., S8-14-18
1388733	McQueen, Harold F....	Sgt.	Grant	1388617	Short, Hugh W.....	Pvt.	1cl., Grant
1388551	McQueen, Benjamin B.	Sgt.	W11-27-18	1386102	Simkins, Forrest A.	Pvt.	T2-10-19
1977886	McSorley, Charles....	Pvt.	Taylor	1977995	Simmons, Orley R....	Pvt.	S11-8-18
1388662	Madland, George J.	Pvt.	1cl., Grant	1388689	Slater, Roland C....	Pvt.	WS-29-18
2077974	Madsen, Axel M.....	Pvt.	Grant	1388618	Slucum, Herman C....	Cpl.	Grant
1388663	Magnuson, Reuben....	Pvt.	WS-29-18	1388572	Sneed, James W.....	Pvt.	Grant
1388608	Majewski, Michael.	Pvt.	1cl., Grant	1388573	Soens, John E.....	Cpl.	Grant
1388664	Maller, Isidor M.....	Pvt.	Grant	1388690	Solhem, Albert.....	Pvt.	Grant
1388665	Matarelli, Vincenzo....	Pvt.	Grant	2066738	Solon, Richard W....	Cpl.	Grant
2060769	Matousek, William J.	Pvt.	WS-10-18	1388619	Sommers, Fred C....	Cpl.	T2-1-19
1406813	May, Harold F.....	Pvt.	S10-27-18	1388691	Sorge, Charles M....	Pvt.	T2-3-19
2057724	Memhardt, George A..	Pvt.	Grant	2064764	Sparmacher, Robert R.	Pvt.	T10-17-19
2086600	Merhout, Frank C.	Pvt.	W10-27-18	1388548	Stark, Charles D.....	Sgt.	Grant
2057710	Meyers, Guy A.....	Pvt.	S2-17-19	1388558	Sterling, Frank M.	Cpl.	S10-29-18
2057725	Mhr, Ernest C.....	Pvt.	S8-29-18	1388552	Stevens, Albert.....	Cpl.	S8-29-18
1388611	Michach, Louis.....	Pvt.	Grant	1388692	Stewart, Homer H.	Pvt.	W1-13-19
2057746	Miller, John N.....	Pvt.	Grant	1388582	Stratford, Arthur....	Bugler	S10-29-18
1388546	Moody, Samuel L.....	Cpl.	Grant	1388693	Sutkowski, John.....	Pvt.	Grant
1388567	Moody, Arthur E.....	Pvt.	S8-29-18	1388554	Synnestvedt, Ralph....	Cpl.	Grant
1388560	Mortenson, Hans B....	Cpl.	Grant	1388694	Szameit, Casimer....	Pvt.	Grant
1388612	Mullen, Clem P.....	Cpl.	S10-29-18	1388695	Szypulski, Joseph.	Pvt.	W10-29-18
1388556	Murray, John J.....	Cpl.	Grant	1388696	Thronton, Homer H.	Pvt.	S10-29-18
2058153	Musante, August J.	Pvt.	W10-29-18	2086759	Thorsen, Alex.....	Pvt.	Grant
2057741	Muth, William A.....	Pvt.	Grant	2067288	Thorpe, George W....	Pvt.	S8-29-18
1388614	Naddy, John P.....	Cpl.	Mills	1388697	Tomaszewski, Joseph	Pvt.	T1-10-19
1386092	Neary, Joseph P.....	Pvt.	Grant	1975767	Traham, Joseph F....	Sgt.	Merritt
1388609	Nelson, Charles R....	Pvt.	S1-19-19	2158973	Tverberg, Stephen S..	Pvt.	Dodge
2086657	O'Brien, Dillin F....	Pvt.	Grant	1388699	VanLoon, John C....	Cpl.	Grant
1388670	O'Connell, George V..	Pvt.	Grant	1976364	Van Winkle	Commodore	Pvt., Grant
1388671	O'Donnell, Thomas F., Jr.	Mess Sgt.	D4-4-19	1388700	Vesely, Joseph.....	Pvt.	Grant
2058722	O'Keefe, John J.....	Pvt.	Grant	2060941	Voss, Charles F. H....	Pvt.	T2-3-19
2057742	Oldt, Craig R.....	Pvt.	S8-29-18	1977634	Walkup, Foster B....	Pvt.	W11-27-18
2086959	Olsen, Andrew O.....	Pvt.	Grant	2058972	Walsh, John F.....	Pvt.	WS-29-18
2144888	Olson, Hjalmer.....	Pvt.	Dodge	1388621	Wargula, Peter.	Pvt.	1cl., WS-10-18
1388673	Oliszyck, John.....	Pvt.	Grant	1388562	Weis, Monroe A.....	Cpl.	S10-24-18
1388674	Palmeiri, August.....	Pvt.	Grant	2162111	Welsch, Joseph G....	Pvt.	T7-11-18
1388615	Palmer, Edward L....	Pvt.	1cl., W11-27-18	2086776	Wendling, Joseph P..	Pvt.	Grant
1388675	Pappas, Angelo.....	Pvt.	Grant	1977623	West, Lester.....	Pvt.	WS-29-18
1388545	Perkins, Earl H.....	Sgt.	T4-21-19	2087256	Whelpley, Andrew H..	Pvt.	S8-29-18
1977986	Perkins, George.....	Pvt.	Taylor	1388701	Wilkinson, Robert B..	Pvt.	Grant
2081210	Peterson, Leverage P.	Pvt.	S1-20-19	1165489	Wilcox, Ernest H.	Sgt.	W10-27-18
1388565	Peterson, Phillip W..	Cpl.	Grant	1388622	Williams, Evan P.	Pvt.	1cl., Grant
2061754	Piazza, John.....	Pvt.	Grant	2077029	Wilson, William E....	Pvt.	Bowie
1388676	Picard, Gerald E.....	Pvt.	Mills	1388623	Wisnosky, Joseph.	Pvt.	1cl., Grant
1388677	Pioterek, Frank.....	Pvt.	Grant				

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED ORGANIZATION LATER IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY M.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1388602	Hoben, John J.	Cpl.	J6-13-18, Mills	1388575	London, Merle.....	Cpl.	T-2-3-19
1165558	Kennedy, Alexander G.	Sgt.	J7-1-18, Grant	1388698	Vanderlee, Garrett	Cpl.	J7-17-18, Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS TRANSFERRED TO COMPANY M FROM OTHER COMPANIES OF THE 131ST INFANTRY AFTER ARRIVAL IN FRANCE.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2083851	Bambenek, Joseph	Pvt.	J12-31-18, Dodge	3340273	Lutz, Edwin E.	Pvt.	J12-31-18, Grant
3752617	Bernhagen, Leonard O.	Pvt.	J12-4-18, Grant	1387620	Mayer, Joseph J.	Pvt. 1cl.	J4-6-19, Grant
1385846	Brown, Stanley	Pvt.	J1-8-19, Grant	1385909	McNeill, Dan, Jr.	Pvt.	J1-8-19, Grant
1387595	Cohen, Julius	Pvt.	J4-6-19, Grant	2661441	Meyers, Henry	Pvt.	J1-8-19, Grant
2661860	Golotka, Joseph B.	Pvt.	J1-8-19, Grant	1392820	Miller, Sam.	Pvt.	J1-10-19, Grant
1385884	Heiser, Edgar M.	Pvt.	J1-10-19, Grant	2815458	Parbs, John A.	Pvt.	J12-4-18, Grant
1386047	Howanek, John	Pvt.	J12-4-18, Grant	2055336	Paulson, Marcellus	Pvt.	J12-31-18, Grant
2080852	Jacobsen, William	Pvt.	J12-31-18, Dodge	2830696	Schleinhege, Herman J.	Pvt.	J12-31-18, Grant
2490214	Jones, Andrew G.	Pvt.	J1-8-19, Gordon	3337754	Schmidt, Fritz F.	Pvt.	J12-4-18, Grant
1386034	Kelly, Irving F.	Pvt.	J1-4-19, Grant	3747995	Scott, Carson P.	Pvt.	J4-6-19, Grant
2661792	Killian, Andrew	Pvt.	J1-8-19, Sherman	3485067	Skinner, Harold R.	Pvt.	J12-31-18, Sherman
1385897	Lanahan, Thomas B.	Pvt.	J1-10-19, Grant	388623	Thomas, Howard	Pvt.	J4-6-19, Devens
2822923	Laufenberg, Robert A.	Pvt.	J4-6-19, Grant	2661519	Thor, Carl G.	Pvt.	J12-31-18, Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY M.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3171080	Adkins, Robert	Pvt.	J10-1-18, W11-27-18	3995321	Hayslip, Johnie	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Gordon
2969097	Adkinson, Fred	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade	3167320	Hepburn, Paul L.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Dix
2867373	Barge, Johnie	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Pike	3501042	Hill, Grady W.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Gordon
2969075	Bartram, Richard	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade	2969753	Hoffman, Doc	Pvt.	J10-1-18, W10-29-18
3171179	Bays, John H.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade	2661363	Huffer, Clyde V.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant
3497166	Boggs, Leonard J.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Gordon	2661351	Humphrey, Edward F.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Grant
2967618	Brown, James R.	Pvt.	Lee	3501071	Husky, Roy P.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, T5-10-19
2871071	Brown, Max W.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Shelby	2969776	Johnson, Robinson C.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, K10-10-18
2969017	Bruffey, Cecil L.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade	2969533	Keatts, Samuel	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Lee
2969199	Burns, Brud B.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade	3486398	Kerby, George F.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Gordon
2969082	Cassell, Andrew A.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Meade	3355488	King, Bruce M.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Sherman
2969093	Chapman, Gordon	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade	3169631	Kirkpatrick, Harley C.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade
2969724	Cheatham, Russell A.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, S1-7-19	3490877	Lee, James M.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Gordon
3256038	Cherry, John	Pvt.	J10-1-18, K10-11-18	2661723	Nodeen, Arthur L.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Grant
3498797	Clay, Alexander	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Gordon	3175225	Osburn, Fred K.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade
2969057	Cloonan, Dennis B.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade	2661375	Pavel, Antone	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Grant
2661266	Cross, William H.	Pvt. 1cl.	J9-29-18, Grant	2661365	Reynolds, Robert H.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant
2871097	Cummings, Mathew	Cpl.	J9-29-18, W10-29-18	3486363	Shirley, Grover	Pvt.	J11-1-18, Gordon
2969711	Cyrus, John W.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Lee	2661324	Simmons, Charles A.	Sgt.	J9-29-18, K10-10-18
3356043	Davey, Norman B.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Dix	3485067	Skinner, Harold R.	Pvt.	J1-4-19, Sherman
2969064	Dean, Forest H.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, W11-27-18	2661281	Snyder, Henry O.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, Grant
2969208	Dick, Bal.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Meade	2657914	Springboro, Frank	Pvt.	J11-1-18, Sherman
2968802	Dillion, Frank E.	Pvt.	J9-29-18, S1-17-19	2969527	West, Jacob L.	Pvt.	J1-8-19, Jackson
2157145	Gibbs, Harry L.	Pvt.	J7-12-18, Dodge	3997231	Williamson, Will S.	Pvt.	J11-14-18, Gordon
2661413	Hanson, Edward	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Grant	2969776	Wright, Lawson W.	Pvt.	J11-1-18, Lee
3168052	Harvey, Willie A.	Pvt.	J10-1-18, Lee				

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ROSTERS OF HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY,
MAY 30, 1918, ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1385828	Adanczyk, George.	Mus. 3cl.	Grant	1385978	Digliacomo, Anthony	Cpl. Band	Grant
1385829	Alaria, Peter.	Pvt.	Grant	1385864	Donegan, John H.	Pvt.	T11-15-18
1385778	Allen, Wallace R.	Cook	T5-5-19	1385788	Douglas, Walter W.	Cpl.	S1-28-19
1385830	Alekna, Felix A.	Pvt.	Grant	1385789	Duff, William M.	Mess Sgt.	Grant
1385831	Anderson, Alfred H.	Pvt.	T5-5-19	1385865	Dulowech, Weatimer	Pvt.	Grant
1388211	Anfield, Burley B.	Sgt.	Grant	1385790	Dunke, Albert	Pvt. 1cl.	SS-11-18
1385832	Anselmo, Angelo	Pvt.	Grant	1385866	Dykstra, Elise J.	Pvt.	W9-26-18
1385872	Bailia, James E.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1385986	Egerton, Stanley T.	Mus. 3cl.	Grant
1385764	Bain, Robert L.	Cpl.	Grant	1385791	Epstein, Herbert	Pvt. 1cl.	T8-30-18
1385833	Baranoskas, Aleck	Pvt.	Grant	1385867	Erber, Edward	Pvt. 1cl.	T9-1-18
1385834	Barchet, Otto P.	Pvt.	Grant	1385868	Erdmann, Emil G.	Pvt.	S7-18-18
2066207	Barlow, Harry D.	Pvt.	W11-18-18	1385792	Evenson, George G.	Cpl.	Grant
1385833	Barnot, Dominickus	Pvt.	S5-7-18	1385869	Evanston, Ernest	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385840	Barry, Wm. P.	Pvt.	W12-17-18	1385915	Faith, Elvis B.	Cpl. Band	Grant
1385837	Batek, Mike	Pvt.	Grant	1385870	Finn, Dominick W.	Pvt.	S5-3-19
2064713	Baumgartner, Otto J.	Pvt.	T3-2-19	2158874	Fish, Earl	Pvt.	Dodge
1385740	Beatty, Harry R.	Sgt.	T7-23-18	1385871	Fitzgibbon, Stephen F.	Pvt.	Grant
1385772	Beebe, Lansing I.	Sgt.	S1-4-19	1385793	Flood, Harry L.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385841	Bent, John	Pvt.	Grant	1385794	Flynn, Edward J.	Pvt.	Grant
1385984	Bennett, Fred	Mus. 3cl.	Grant	1385795	Foy, John W., Jr.	Cpl.	Grant
1385842	Biggers, James W.	Mech.	Grant	1385872	Frank, Richard C.	Pvt.	Grant
1385843	Bingham, Richard H.	Pvt.	Mills	1385770	Franklin, Harry R.	Cpl.	Grant
1385844	Bogdam, Adolph	Pvt.	Grant	1385987	French, Bramwell F.	Mus. 3cl.	Grant
1385783	Boll, John B.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2066407	Fuchs, Herman J.	Mech.	Taylor
1385758	Bollig, William M.	Regt. Sgt. Maj.	Grant	1385873	Fusco, Philip	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1388123	Bond, William H.	Cpl.	T10-4-18	2066243	Galbreath, John G.	Pvt.	SS-4-18
1376571	Boyeson, Norman F.	Pvt.	T9-10-18	1385796	Gallagher, Bernard F.	Cpl.	Grant
2066125	Brandt, Nelson	Pvt.	Grant	1385874	Gauger, Louis A.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385846	Brown, Stanley T.	Pvt. 1cl.	T1-8-19	1385760	Gauthier, Otto J.	Pvt.	W10-30-18
2059385	Bugler, Joseph F.	Pvt.	Grant	1385875	Goode, Chas. A.	Pvt.	Grant
1385972	Bulka, Solas	Sgt. Bugler	Grant	1385797	Goodman, Alfred J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2158185	Bundy, Lech E.	Pvt.	Dodge	1385876	Grabowski, Frank	Pvt.	Grant
1385848	Burchie, Oliver N.	Pvt.	Grant	2161853	Grammuth, Arve A.	Pvt.	Dodge
1385849	Burghard, William	Pvt.	Grant	2162113	Gretz, William B.	Pvt.	Dodge
1385851	Bussell, Edward A.	Pvt.	Grant	1385877	Grosch, Ralph B.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2066220	Campbell, Wellington M.	Pvt. Sherman	Grant	2081488	Guendel, Fred T.	Pvt.	Grant
1385852	Carlwell, Thomas F.	Pvt.	Grant	1385878	Hall, Lewis	Pvt.	Grant
1385860	Carlson, Wilbur L.	Pvt.	Grant	1385879	Hamm, Russell E.	Pvt.	W8-13-18
1385853	Carlson, Victor A.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1385741	Hammon, Charles M.	Pvt.	Grant
1385854	Cartogeron, Salvatore	Pvt.	Grant	1385798	Hansen, Charles	Pvt.	Grant
2059958	Chambers, Vincent H.	Pvt.	Grant	1385881	Hanson, George	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385856	Clacher, Robert	Pvt.	Grant	1385988	Hartman, Henry H.	Mus. 3cl.	Grant
1385857	Clark, Lee	Pvt.	Mills	1385882	Hasselmann, Walter A.	Pvt.	Grant
1385766	Collins, Daniel T.	Cpl.	Grant	2087379	Heidt, Harold H.	Pvt.	Grant
1385858	Connell, Frank C.	Pvt.	S1-4-19	1385884	Heiser, Edgar M.	Pvt.	T1-8-19
1385765	Connor, Thomas A.	Cpl.	S10-18-18	1385885	Hendricks, Carter G.	Pvt.	Grant
1385859	Cornell, Robert P.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1385886	Higgins, Ned C.	Pvt. 1cl.	W8-12-18
1385862	Craig, Louis M.	Cook	W8-10-18	1385799	Hockmuth, Walter D.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385742	Crews, James E.	Sgt.	W10-14-18	1385989	Hunter, Laurence D.	Pvt.	Grant
1385786	Crews, Walter R.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1385738	Hunter, Robert J.	Sgt.	T7-23-18
2066228	Croop, Earl C.	Pvt.	Dix	2066148	Imlach, Charles W.	Pvt.	Grant
1385985	Crotty, Richard	Mus. 3cl.	Grant	1385887	Iverson, Herbert	Pvt.	Grant
1385746	Crowley, Meryl F.	Pvt.	Grant	1385800	Jackson, Edmund C.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385863	Cummings, Chas. R.	Pvt.	Grant	1385888	Jackson, Henry G.	Pvt.	Grant
1385747	Dankert, Walter W.	Pvt.	Grant	1385889	Jasniowicz, Robert	Pvt.	Grant
1385787	Davis, Roger E.	Pvt. 1cl.	W1-14-18	1165536	Jensen, Amund	Sgt.	T10-1-18
1385777	Degenford, William	Mech.	Custer	1385890	Jesberger, Walter A.	Pvt.	Grant
1385756	Devine, John J.	Cpl.	Grant				

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2086775	Johnsen, William C.	Pvt.	Grant	2161610	Moleski, John	Pvt.	Dodge
2061611	Johnson, Arthur A.	Pvt.	T10-23-18	1385774	Morrow, John	Pvt.	Grant
1385801	Johnson, Brynolf J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1385813	Mueller, Frank N.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385808	Johnson, Gustaf E.	Pvt.	Grant	1385974	Mueller, Fred E.	Band Sgt.	Grant
1385779	Kalafut, Andrew	Cook	Grant	1385763	Murray, Harlow R.	Cpl.	Grant
1385971	Kase, Victor			1385914	Murray, James C.		
		Asst. Band Leader	Grant			Pvt.	Jefferson Barracks
1385892	Kassell, Arthur W.			1385915	Namia, Max C.	Pvt.	Grant
		Mus. 3cl.	T12-17-18	2064547	Nelson, A. N.	Pvt.	Grant
1385893	Kelly, Nicholas C.	Cook	S4-24-19	2157645	Ness, Louis L.	Pvt.	Dodge
1385757	Kerrigan, Charles J.	Cpl.	Grant	1385916	Nickerson, Joseph G.	Wag.	Grant
2158209	Kiger, Andrew L.	Pvt.	Dodge	1385722	Noble, Cedric P.	Cpl.	Grant
1385803	King, Thomas J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2084548	Noble, William A.	Pvt.	Grant
1385977	Kirchhoffer, Adolph			1385737	Norman, Herbert I.		
		Band Cpl.	Grant			Color Sgt.	Grant
1385733	Knack, Arnold J.			1385814	Ott, William F.	Pvt.	T5-12-19
		Reg. Sgt. Maj.	Grant	1385918	Ossyp, Walyslaw	Pvt.	Grant
1385980	Knight, Harry W.			1385735	Owen, Arthur E.		
		Mus. 1cl.	S10-30-18			Bn. Sgt. Maj.	Grant
1385981	Knudson, William H.			1385769	Palmaquist, Floyd M.	Pvt.	Grant
		Mus. 2cl.	Grant	1385919	Paoli, Italo	Pvt.	Grant
2162081	Knutson, Lewis S.	Pvt.	Dodge	1385920	Pappas, Thomas	Pvt.	Grant
1385894	Koerper, Frank P.	Pvt.	Grant	1385734	Parterson, Ralph T.		
2162627	Kohnen, Joseph U.	Pvt.	W10-22-18			Bn. Sgt. Maj.	T10-1-18
1385804	Kopf, Lucien J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1385921	Pearce, Loren E.	Pvt.	Grant
1385896	Kowzer, Matt	Pvt.	WS-12-18	2066177	Pecchia, Frank	Pvt.	Grant
2162367	Kriesel, Paul A.	Pvt.	Dodge	1385929	Pechopien, Anton	Pvt.	Grant
1385805	Kuehn, Ernest			1385922	Pecules, John	Pvt.	WS-12-18
		Pvt. 1cl.	T5-12-19	2064402	Pedersen, Carl H.	Pvt.	Grant
1385990	Kunza, Tony J. G.	Mus. 3cl.	Grant	2055689	Pedley, Wesley	Sgt.	T4-1-19
1385806	Kupferschmidt, R. N.	Sgt.	Grant	1385923	Pelc, Joseph B.	Pvt.	Grant
1976343	Lambert, Everett Clarence			1385815	Pepe, Nick	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
		Pvt.	Taylor	2081163	Perkins, Charles K.	Pvt.	Grant
2162094	Lamis, Raymond H.	Pvt.	Dodge	1385752	Perrie, John C.	Pvt.	Grant
1385897	Lanahan, Thomas B.	Pvt.	T1-8-19	1385767	Perry, Charles A.	Cpl.	Grant
1385898	Langwost, Edward W.	Pvt.	Grant	1385924	Petrulis, Antonis	Pvt.	Grant
2085736	Laughlin, Raymond I.			1385991	Piramba, Sam G.	Mus. 3cl.	Grant
		Color Sgt.	Grant	1385928	Porcaba, Paul	Pvt.	Grant
2066269	Lawerance, Otto U.	Pvt.	Dix	2065394	Prindle, Caryl B.	Pvt.	Custer
1385900	Leake, Artie V.	Pvt.	Grant	1385930	Provenzano, Nichols	Pvt.	Grant
2061254	Lehner, Arthur H.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1385754	Quinn, Edward C.	Sgt.	S10-28-18
1385807	Lester, Robert W.	Cpl.	Grant	1385912	Raith, John L.	Mus. 1cl.	Grant
1385901	Liebach, Philip	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1388467	Rairdon, Geoffrey F.		
2081486	Liebl, Michael	Pvt.	S1-8-19			Pvt. 1cl.	S1-10-19
1385780	Lilge, Charles H.	Cook	S11-14-18	2100855	Reid, John	Pvt.	Grant
2162372	Lindberg, Franklin J.			1385816	Reilly, James P.	Pvt.	Grant
		Pvt. 1cl.	Dodge	2060935	Reynolds, Edward J.	Pvt.	S6-20-18
2087348	Lofgren, Gustaf W.	Pvt.	Grant	1165571	Reynolds, Richard J.	Sgt.	W6-22-18
1385759	Loh, Jacob W.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1385931	Rice, Leander W.		
1388178	Loomis, Orrin R.	Pvt.	WS-12-18			Pvt. 1cl.	S10-17-18
1385903	Lopolia, Joseph	Pvt.	Grant	1388106	Riford, Perry H.	Cpl.	S3-20-19
2066273	Low, Robert J. E.	Pvt.	Grant	1388157	Roger, Phillip G.	Pvt.	Grant
1385809	Lucas, Carl A.	Sgt.	T9-5-18	1385932	Rohr, Edward A.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385810	Lucas, Sylvester H.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1397357	Rostkowski, Joseph	Pvt.	S6-16-18
1385743	Lyons, Daniel E.	Pvt.	Grant	1385933	Roth, William	Pvt.	Grant
1385906	McArdle, Frank	Pvt.	Grant	2065981	Ryan, Daniel P.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2157642	McCastin, Henry D.	Pvt.	T10-24-18	1385934	Ryan, John	Pvt.	Grant
1385907	McCinniff, Edward C.	Pvt.	Grant	1385817	Rychlik, Emil	Cpl.	Grant
1385904	MacEachan, Samuel G.			1385818	Sampson, Fred	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
		Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2064678	Sandberg, Charles J.	Pvt.	S2-10-19
2086592	McGeever, John J.	Pvt.	Grant	2155151	Sauter, George	Pvt.	Dodge
1385908	McKay, Walter A.	Pvt.	WS-12-18	1385935	Saxer, Harold W.	Mus. 3cl.	Grant
1388097	McMahon, John	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1385755	Schalk, Bernhard A.	Cpl.	Grant
2063025	McNamara, Vincent E.	Pvt.	T1-8-19	1385937	Schmitt, William	Pvt.	Grant
1385909	McNeill, Dan, Jr.	Pvt.	T1-8-19	1385992	Schneider, Arthur F.		
1385970	Mader, Carl	Band Leader	Grant			Mus. 3cl.	Grant
2162374	Magnuson, Henning C.	Pvt.	Dodge	1385938	Schoenecker, Walter J.	Cpl.	Grant
1385761	Maher, John L.	Cpl.	Grant	2066185	Scholl, Harry	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385905	Mahoney, Mike			1385939	Schrama, Joseph	Pvt.	Grant
		Pvt. 1cl.	WS-12-18	1385751	Schwarzman, Edgar J.		
1257711	Malcom, Loyal	Pvt.	Dodge			1st Sgt.	T7-23-18
2162144	Manderfeld, Henry A.	Pvt.	Dodge	1385771	Shaefer, Nicholas E.	Pvt.	T1-28-19
1385745	Mann, Frank J.	Sgt.	Grant	1165530	Shewfelt, Norman		
2064308	Mattson, Oscar G.	Pvt.	Grant			Reg. Sgt. Maj.	T9-12-18
1976467	Maurer, Ben, Jr.			1385940	Shigley, Gerald D.	Pvt.	Grant
		Pvt.	Jefferson Barracks	1385744	Sievers, Alfred W.	Sgt.	S1-27-19
1385925	Meyer, Elmer L.	Mus. 3cl.	Grant	1385819	Sinclair, Thomas	Sgt.	Lewis
1385979	Meyer, Raymond	Pvt.	Grant	1385973	Siroky, Henry J.	Band Sgt.	Grant
1385911	Meyers, Alfred	Pvt.	WS-12-18	1385972	Smith, Harry A.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385913	Miklo, Tony	Pvt.	Grant	1385976	Smith, Dale Otto	Cpl. Band	Grant
2162133	Mileck, Walter C. A.	Pvt.	Dodge	1385941	Smith, Raymond	Pvt.	Grant
1385812	Miller, Charles A.	Sp. Sgt.	Grant	2088625	Smith, Thomas D.	Pvt.	Grant
1385750	Minahan, Cornelius P.	Sgt.	Grant	2064566	Smith, William J.	Pvt.	Grant

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1385942	Sparacino, Anthony	Pvt.	K9-26-18	1385823	Vandenbroeck, August		
1385993	Spiezio, Phillip	Mus. 3cl.	Grant			Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385942	Stahl, Lyman J.	Pvt.	WS-11-18	1385957	Verkler, Edward C.	Cpl.	Grant
1385944	Steinhoff, Gustav H.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1383958	Vidler, William E.	Pvt.	Grant
2059949	Stirton, Thomas	Pvt.	Grant	2154934	Wittowski, Henry E.	Pvt.	Dodge
1385945	Storey, Earl A.	Cpl.	Grant	1385959	Voegelé, Wilbur H.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385947	Sullivan, Cornelius J.	Wag.	Grant	1385924	Vokal, Charles	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1385948	Suprunowski, Robert R.	Pvt.	Grant	1385960	Voik, Phillip	Pvt.	Grant
1385949	Susmarski, Peter P.	Pvt.	Grant	1388499	Vrooman, Frank	Pvt.	Grant
1385950	Swerhun, William	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1385773	Vutrick, Martin F.	Cpl.	K9-26-18
1385781	Theropoulos, Jim L.	Cook	T5-21-19	2155179	Walker, Walter E.	Pvt.	Grant
1385982	Thompson, Arnold			1385961	Watson, Leslie A.		
		Mus. 2cl.	Grant			Pvt. 1cl.	WS-12-18
2081222	Thompson, Eugene W.	Pvt.	Grant	1385966	Watson, Stanley M.	Pvt.	WS-12-18
1385951	Thoreson, August	Pvt.	Grant	1385994	Weeks, Carroll F.	Mus. 3cl.	Grant
1385762	Tighe, Robert H.	Pvt.	Grant	1385825	Wickham, Gordon	Pvt.	Grant
2066311	Titgemeyer, James	Pvt.	Sherman	1385962	Winger, Samuel	Pvt.	Grant
1385775	Townsend, Ollie M.	Cpl.	Grant	1385964	Yanovic, Tom	Pvt.	Dodge
1385953	Tracy, Charles E.	Jr.		1385748	Yerkes, John R.	Sgt.	Grant
		Cpl.	WS-11-18	2158180	Young, Arthur C.	Pvt.	Dodge
1385954	Tremini, Gartano	Pvt.	Grant	1385965	Younggreen, Trueman L.		
1385955	Tucker, Lee P.	Pvt.	T2-20-19			Pvt. 1cl.	T3-20-19
1385956	Valeriano, Valeri	Pvt.	WS-10-18	1385967	Zilates, Charles J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT, REJOINED ORGANIZATION IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1385836	Barrett, Charles S.			1387528	Kahn, Julius		
		Pvt.	J6-21-18, Grant			Bugler	J8-4-18, T12-16-18
1385847	Brownstein, Joseph	Pvt.	J7-19-18, T11-10-18	1385850	Maloney, George M.		
1385784	Bryant, Wm. J.	Pvt.	J7-19-18, Grant			Pvt.	J6-21-18, Grant
1385735	Buelow, LeRoy E.	Pvt. 1cl.	J6-21-18, T11-16-18	1385776	Quinn, Samuel L.		
2162187	Grier, Archie T.	Pvt.	J6-9-18, Dodge			Horseshoer	J7-3-18, Grant
1385880	Hanneman, Frank	Pvt.	J6-21-18, Grant	1385994	Randell, Edward		
2064943	Inglesby, Thomas D.	Pvt.	J7-13-18, Grant			Pvt.	J6-21-18, K8-12-18
				1387527	Scully, W. D.		
						Bugler	J8-4-18, Upton
				2088907	Simon, Rubin		
						Pvt.	J7-13-18, S10-20-18

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS TRANSFERRED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1386862	Arrlvi, Guiseppe			2088683	Luka, Fred W.		
		Mus. 3cl.	J4-9-19, Grant			Mus. 3cl.	J6-15-18, Grant
1386039	Brown, Lester A.	Cpl.	J10-20-18, Grant	2064164	McKay, Norman T.		
1976495	Clark, Harvey T.	Mus. 3cl.	J12-5-18, Grant			Cpl.	J8-3-18, Grant
1387516	Donovan, Paul J.	Cpl.	J9-25-18, Grant	2066671	McMahon, John J.		
1386811	Edison, Herbert E.	Bn. Sgt. Maj.	J10-8-18, Grant			Pvt.	J11-30-18, Grant
2061178	Erickson, Axel T.	Bn. Sgt. Maj.	J12-6-18, Grant	1392820	Miller, Sam		
1976230	Farrow, Elmer B.	Pvt. 1cl.	J3-20-19, Grant			Pvt.	J11-7-18, T1-8-19
1386812	Felter, Lloyd E.	Pvt. 1cl.	J12-5-18, Grant	1388302	Mitchell, Donald E.		
2061827	Guy, Francis M.	Pvt.	J3-20-19, Grant			Pvt.	J3-1-19, Grant
2058989	Jaekel, Walter	Mus. 3cl.	J1-6-19, Grant	1388104	Pressey, Floyd F.		
1386575	Jolly, Bion N.	Sgt.	J6-12-18, Grant			Pvt. 1cl.	J9-6-18, Grant
1386579	Lowery, John P.	Cpl.	J10-20-18, Grant	1394738	Smith, George G.		
						Pvt.	J12-16-18, T5-6-19
				1388697	Tomaszewski, Joseph		
						Pvt.	J11-12-18, Grant
				2059018	Walker, William W.		
						Mus. 2cl.	J10-1-18, Grant
				2162114	Welsch, Joseph G.		
						Pvt.	J7-15-18, Dodge
				1388202	Westphal, Floyd L.		
						Pvt.	J3-15-19, Grant
				2152453	Whitcomb, Fred L.		
						Pvt.	J3-15-19, Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS
REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2055268	Brahm, Henry G.			4711457	Laudenslager, Harry T.		
	Mus. 3cl.,	J10-24-18,	Grant		Pvt.,	J1-3-19,	Lewis
3167907	Charney, Michael			834100	LaValley, Everett J.		
	Cpl.,	J9-13-18,	Dix		Pvt. 1cl.,	J1-3-19,	Dodge
3481932	Couch, Luke			834105	Lindberg, Neis		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	S7-10-18		Pvt.,	J1-3-19,	Dodge
1385865	Dunn, Edward J.			4713679	Lindbloom, Gustave		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	T10-31-18		Pvt.,	J1-3-19,	T5-6-19
3167636	Dunne, Elmer C.			2152118	Litterer, Carl L.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Dix		Pvt.,	J9-29-18,	Dodge
2660953	Edmonds, Robert D.			4708762	Lundquist, Carl L.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Grant		Pvt.,	J1-3-19,	Ft. D. A. Russell
2066767	Elmore, Jesse J.			4173338	McCool, Bartlett		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Grant		Pvt.,	J1-3-19,	Ft. D. A. Russell
3166902	Evans, Howard J.			3489984	McGinty, Charles L.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Dix		Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Sherman
2658139	Folker, John M.			4713709	Mauritz, Frank E.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Sherman		Pvt. 1cl.,	J1-3-19,	Ft. D. A. Russell
3803776	Ferguson, Raymond			2661441	Meyer, Henry W.		
	Pvt.,	J4-1-19,	Dodge		Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	T1-8-19
3167196	Gallagher, John E.			576797	Michael, Morris		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Dix		Cpl.,	J1-3-19,	Devens
3660171	Gier, Henry J.			470993	Mickelson, Roy C.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Grant		Pvt. 1cl.,	J1-3-19,	Ft. D. A. Russell
3329931	Glaedon, Oden A.			4711744	Mongar, Charles, Jr.		
	Pvt.,	J10-24-18,	Grant		Pvt.,	J1-3-19,	Ft. D. A. Russell
3487036	Gober, Henry J.			2661046	Morgan, Benjamin J.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Gordon		Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Grant
2661076	Greeson, Elfred C.			4086229	Mowers, Walter C.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Grant		Mus. 3cl.,	J1-6-19,	Grant
715904	Grubar, Martin			841078	Murdock, Harold D.		
	Sgt.,	J1-3-19,	T3-6-19		Pvt. 1cl.,	J1-3-19,	Merritt
2151346	Hartley, Raymond			3170760	Nuckols, Wm. H.		
	Pvt.,	J9-29-18,	Dodge		Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	S10-16-18
3357077	Howard, Don			2057742	Oldt, Craig R.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	T1-8-19		Pvt. 1cl.,	J9-29-18,	Grant
3488147	Jenkins, Howard			1946981	Patterson, Robert H.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Sherman		Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Sherman
3502806	Johnston, John E.			3167523	Robinson, Walter J.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Sherman		Pvt. 1cl.,	J9-13-18,	Dix
3490214	Jones, Andrew G.			3170973	Samual, Melvin R.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	T1-8-19		Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Meade
2661792	Killian, Andrew			3485213	Schlueneker, Gary E.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	T1-8-19		Pvt.,	J10-15-18,	Sherman
4712539	Knight, Earl L.			2662623	Slaten, Byron		
	Pvt.,	J1-3-19,	Lewis		Pvt.,	J10-15-18,	Grant
2162367	Koskowski, Stanley J.			3340329	Vogel, George A.		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Grant		Pvt.,	J10-24-18,	Dodge
3357256	Krouse, Joseph L.			2154930	White, Robert		
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	W10-16-18		Pvt.,	J9-29-18,	Dodge
1946867	Laffey, Lawrence E.						
	Pvt.,	J9-13-18,	Sherman				

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	
1386060	Albright, Henry.....	Pvt.	Grant	2058986	Gjertson, Carl J.....	Pvt.	Grant	
1386027	Allan, David T.....	Mech.	S8-2-18	2059160	Glende, William F.....	Pvt.	S12-1-18	
1386035	Almy, Urban J.....	Pvt.	Grant	2059161	Glumsoe, William.....	Pvt.	S5-27-19	
1386061	Anderson, Arthur.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386024	Golik, Joseph J.....	Cpl.	W8-11-18	
2058970	Anderson, Clarence T.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386009	Grant, Theodore H.....	St. Sgt.	Grant	
2077922	Anderson, Henry J.....	Pvt.	Grant	2058987	Graves, LaVerne H.....	Pvt.	W8-13-18	
1386036	Anderson, Martin C.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386011	Harmon, Harry E.....	Sgt.	Grant	
2059134	Arneson, William.....	Pvt.	Grant	2058958	Hasensahl, Leo.....	Pvt.	W10-17-18	
2058972	Bachman, Frank.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386073	Hauschild, George F.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	
1386062	Bakker, Warnold.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386023	Henig, Clarence W.....	Sp. Sgt.	S12-5-18	
1386027	Ball, Andrew L.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386010	Henig, Edward G.....	Sgt.	Grant	
2058973	Bartell, August T.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386046	Herbold, Edward R.....	Pvt.	Grant	
2058974	Bauske, Otto A.....	Pvt.	W9-26-18	2067233	Hill, Carl.....	Pvt.	T11-15-18	
1386063	Bennett, George.....	Pvt.	Grant	2059165	Hinkle, Edward A.....	Pvt.	W10-16-18	
1977196	Blackburn, John H.....	Pvt.	T12-23-18	1386075	Hopp, Emmett J.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	
1386038	Book, Percener G.....	Cook	Grant	1386076	Horn, Henry C.....	Pvt.	S9-25-18	
2059137	Bosacki, Walter L.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386047	Howanack, John.....	Pvt.	T12-2-18	
2058935	Bowen, Henry M.....	Pvt.	Merritt	1386077	Howe, Harold J.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	
1386064	Breimer, Richard C.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2060999	Hynes, William.....	Pvt.	Grant	
2061573	Britz, Henry A.....	Pvt.	W8-13-18	2058989	Jaekel, Walter.....	Pvt.	T2-20-18	
1977197	Brodrick, Thurman.....	Pvt.	Sherman	2058990	Jensen, Frank G.....	Pvt.	S8-17-18	
2058975	Brodhead, Ralph I.....	Pvt.	T2-17-19	2058991	Johnson, Clarence A.....	Pvt.	W10-16-18	
1386039	Brown, Lester A.....	Pvt. 1cl.	T11-2-18	1386048	Johnson, John A.....	Cook	W10-11-18	
2058941	Budlong, Dudley W.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386079	Johnson, Mounce.....	Pvt.	W10-15-18	
2058955	Budlong, Herbert J.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386034	Kelly, Irving.....	Pvt. 1cl.	T2-12-18	
2081135	Caimens, Edward M.....	Pvt.	W7-7-18	1386002	Knudsen, Harold B.....	Sgt.	W10-15-18	
1386065	Campbell, Marshall A.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386020	Kolp, Louis E.....	Cpl.	T2-14-18	
1386012	Campiche, Charles M.....	Sgt.	Grant	1386080	Krase, Arthur C.....	Pvt.	Grant	
2058977	Carlson, Herbert W.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386081	Kretick, Mike.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	
1386066	Cassidy, Thomas.....	Pvt. 1cl.	S8-1-18	1386001	Krock, Joseph A.....	Cook	Grant	
1977199	Cheesman, Buren A.....	Pvt.	W8-14-18	1386082	Kropel, Arthur W.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	
1386004	Christensen, Christian.....	Sgt.	T-8-1-18	1386085	Kunarzewski, John E.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	
1386032	Christensen, Frank M.....	Pvt.	S-12-2-18	1386050	Leckelt, Edward B.....	Pvt.	Grant	
1386067	Cipriani, Anthony.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386033	Lewis, Morgan E.....	Bugler	Grant	
1386068	Clayton, Elmer.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386086	Lis, Bruno.....	Pvt.	Grant	
2058909	Conboy, J. E.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386019	Litton, Parks S.....	Cpl.	S11-1-18	
1386040	Count, Charles D.....	Pvt.	T2-1-19	1386015	Loyce, Frederick M.....	Jr.	Cpl.	Grant
2077935	Cunningham, Merle R.....	Pvt.	Grant	2058961	Lundgren, Waldrof.....	Pvt.	Grant	
1386041	Curtin, Timothy W.....	Pvt.	W8-11-18	1386051	McBratney, Andrew C.....	Pvt. 1cl.	S2-2-19	
2088918	D'Adam, Paola.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386087	Machtemes, Joseph.....	Pvt.	Grant	
2077958	Dail, Robert L.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386025	Magnuson, Klaus.....	Horseshoer	Grant	
2059121	Danczk, Edward M.....	Pvt.	K10-12-18	1386052	Morse, Melvin D.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	
1386042	Diamond, Warren E.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386091	Mullin, Benton.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	
2058978	Duske, George J.....	Pvt.	Grant	2058964	Nelson, George F.....	Pvt.	W10-16-18	
1386007	Dyas, Arthur D.....	1st Sgt.	Grant	1386092	Nelson, Ole J.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	
1386030	Dzimbinski, John F.....	Pvt.	Grant	1977187	Nickey, John P.....	Pvt.	S12-8-18	
1386083	Erickson, Carl R.....	Pvt.	Grant	2059178	Nierman, Henry F.....	Pvt.	Grant	
1386043	Fannon, Robert D.....	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	2163265	Oliver, Chauncy R.....	Pvt.	S8-17-18	
1386005	Folker, Laurence.....	Sgt.	T8-1-18	2058948	Olson, Walter C.....	Pvt.	Grant	
1386070	Folker, Patrick H.....	Pvt.	Grant	1977180	Ore, William C.....	Pvt.	Sherman	
2059156	Fisher, Paul, Jr.....	Pvt.	Grant	1386008	Otte, Albert C.....	Sgt.	Grant	
1386016	Follrod, Henry L.....	Cpl.	Grant	1386029	Parker, Foster H.....	Mech.	Grant	
1386072	Franscen, Emil K.....	Pvt. 1cl.	T5-13-19	1386006	Peverell, Harold R.....	Mess Sgt.	S11-3-18	
2058984	Frejd, John W.....	Pvt.	W10-16-18					
2061180	Frill, William J.....	Pvt.	Grant					
1386044	Garrity, Vincent J.....	Cpl.	S5-22-19					
2059159	Gaulke, George F.....	Pvt.	Grant					
2058985	Giese, Willard E.....	Pvt.	Grant					

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1386095	Piercey, Alvis V.	Pvt. 1cl.	Taylor
1386053	Piper, Walter V.	Pvt. 1cl.	S9-17-18
1975799	Pourchot, Walter.	Pvt.	W10-16-18
2059005	Pykott, Milton H.	Pvt.	T4-17-19
1975801	Rakestraw, William.	Pvt.	Taylor
2156995	Ramsey, Oscar T.	Pvt.	Dodge
1975774	Reese, Joseph.	Pvt.	T5-12-19
2157005	Ryerson, Arthur G.	Pvt.	W10-12-18
2156999	Rhee, Louis R.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386054	Riordon, Donovan H.	Pvt. 1cl.	S12-7-18
2059007	Ristow, Edward W.	Pvt.	Grant
2059183	Ryerson, Otto W.	Pvt.	Grant
2059142	Salavitch, Benjamin D.	Pvt.	W10-16-18
1386031	Sampson, Charles St. J.	Pvt.	Grant
2081215	Sheckler, Harvey H.	Pvt.	W8-14-18
2058966	Schirmann, Albert L.	Pvt.	T11-15-18
1386097	Schroer, Luke P.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386098	Schultz, Joseph J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2059188	Schlutz, William C.	Pvt.	W10-16-18
1386099	Schutte, John G.	Pvt.	Grant
1386018	Schwarz, George W.	Pvt.	Dix
1386000	Seipp, Arthur W.	Sgt.	T8-1-18
1386014	Seskarski, William J.	Cpl.	K8-17-18
1386103	Shubinski, Samuel	Pvt. 1cl.	W10-17-18

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2163427	Seigfried, Otta A.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386056	Smith, Denzil E.	Pvt. 1cl.	S11-2-18
1386028	Smith, Elmer C.	Mech.	Grant
1386022	Smith, William F.	Cpl.	Grant
1386104	Smola, Joseph.	Pvt.	S1-25-19
1386017	Smythe, Grover D.	Cpl.	Grant
2059013	Snyder, Bernard L.	Pvt.	Custer
2058124	Sonneborn, Milton B.	Pvt.	Grant
1386055	Southern, Francis L.	Pvt.	Grant
1386018	Staats, Paul C.	Cpl.	Grant
1386056	Staats, Walter G.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2163440	Starleaf, Rudolph E.	Pvt.	Dodge
2056433	Stevens, John E.	Pvt.	S5-27-19
1386057	Stilwell, Dewey L.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386103	Stukenberg, Ross.	Pvt.	Grant
2058969	Thelsen, Joseph L.	Pvt.	Grant
1400860	Thompson, Kenneth P.	Pvt.	Grant
2157019	Thurston, Claude C.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386058	Timmersmen, Charles H.	Pvt. 1cl.	S9-17-18
2157020	Trends, Vincent P.	Pvt.	Dodge
2163420	Turbes, George H.	Pvt.	Dodge
1386108	Van Hecks, Alfons.	Pvt.	S4-14-19
1386109	Weber, Edward J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
2050919	Weishel, Henry George.	Pvt.	Grant
1386110	Welsh, Thomas.	Pvt. 1cl.	S2-26-19
2058954	Wende, Emil A.	Pvt.	W7-7-18
1386059	Widmann, Frank T.	Pvt.	Grant
2059020	Winandy, Joseph J.	Pvt.	K8-16-18
1386003	Zohn, Arthur A.	Sgt.	W8-11-18

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3489101	Aaron, Ralph	Pvt.	J10-21-18, Gordon
2083851	Bambenek, Joseph	Pvt.	J10-27-18, T10-30-18
3752617	Bernhagen, Leonard	Pvt.	J10-25-18, T10-30-18
2829595	Boerger, Charles	Pvt.	J10-27-18, Grant
2826028	Brooks, Fred	Pvt.	J10-25-18, T12-22-18
2871257	Chisholm, Homer C.	Pvt.	J10-21-18, Shelby
2832263	Chylik, James	Pvt.	J10-25-18, Grant
2871959	Cline, Marvin H.	Pvt.	J10-21-18, Ft. Oglethorpe
3486567	Connell, John	Pvt.	J10-21-18, Jackson
2827213	Crabb, Arnold P.	Pvt.	J10-25-18, Grant
2299649	Darby, Joe	Pvt.	J10-21-18, T10-30-18
1964964	Driscoll, Leo L.	Pvt.	J10-21-18, S3-10-19
3335670	Duddridge, Ernest	Pvt.	J10-25-18, Grant
2080824	Elberg, Anton	Pvt.	J10-27-18, T11-2-18
2661739	Entwistle, Willis	Pvt.	J10-21-18, Grant
3171502	Fike, George.	Pvt.	J10-21-18, Dix
2299715	Frieman, Emil	Pvt.	J10-21-18, Upton
3490250	Gentle, Leander P.	Sgt.	J10-21-18, Lee
3751739	Gharrity, James	Pvt.	J10-27-18, Grant
2299525	Glanders, William	Pvt.	J10-21-18, Merritt
3340750	Gray, Frank J.	Pvt.	J10-25-18, Grant
2316295	Haley, John A.	Pvt.	J10-21-18, Devens
380897	Heffern, Frank	Pvt.	J10-21-18, T10-31-18
3748745	Helm, Max.	Pvt.	J10-25-18, Grant

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3340907	Henkel, Frank J.	Sad.	J10-27-18, Grant
2077166	Holm, Ernest	Pvt.	J10-27-18, Dodge
3170329	Huston, George	Pvt.	J10-21-18, Dix
2825348	Jacobs, Peter W.	Pvt.	J10-25-18, Grant
2080852	Jacobson, William	Pvt.	J10-27-18, T10-31-18
3340674	James, William	Pvt.	J10-26-18, Grant
2822595	Jaworski, Bernard	Pvt.	J10-25-18, Grant
2066260	Johnson, Flager	Pvt.	J10-27-18, T3-20-19
2060534	Keizar, Samuel	Pvt.	J10-25-18, Grant
2829223	Keller, Edward T.	Pvt.	J10-27-18, Grant
3175233	Knowles, Clarence	Pvt.	J10-21-18, T3-20-19
3170425	Kohler, George	Pvt.	J10-21-18, Dix
3329703	Kopitzkee, Theofil J.	Pvt.	J10-25-18, Grant
2926350	Kuhn, Alferd	Pvt.	J10-25-18, Grant
2086364	Larson, Raymond	Pvt.	J10-17-18, Grant
2831950	Larson, Walter C.	Pvt.	J10-27-18, T10-31-19
2050432	Larson, William	Pvt.	J10-25-18, Dodge
3171620	Lief, Robert.	Pvt.	J10-21-18, Dix
2375253	Lizotte, Joseph	Pvt.	J10-21-18, T3-20-19
3340273	Lutz, Edwin	Pvt.	J10-27-18, T10-21-18
2833242	Lexow, Henry	Pvt.	J10-25-18, T3-20-19
2299557	McCabe, William	Pvt.	J10-21-18, T10-31-18
1880868	McClain, Leslie E.	Pvt.	J9-1-18, T3-20-19, Taylor

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3336315	McIntosh, James			1959879	Sisco, David T.		
		Pvt.,	J10-25-18, Grant			Pvt.,	J10-21-18, T3-20-19
2816380	Maurer, Elmer F.			2825822	Smith, Edward J.		
		Pvt.,	J10-27-18, Dodge			Pvt.,	J10-25-18, Grant
2816394	Mertens, Albert			2832818	Smith, Thomas		
		Pvt.,	J10-27-18, Dodge			Pvt.,	J10-25-18, Grant
3337578	Miller, Paul			2829327	Sommer, Joseph		
		Pvt.,	J10-25-18, T3-20-19			Pvt.,	J10-25-18, Grant
559550	Mesik, Louis			2299806	Soch, Herman		
		Pvt.,	J10-21-18, W9-26-18			Pvt.,	J10-21-18, T3-20-19
3191847	Nagle, Frank			3485063	Stanton, William G.		
		Pvt.,	J10-21-18, Devens			Pvt.,	J10-21-18, Sherman
3333613	Nelson, Erick A.			2076375	Stewart, Ambrose		
		Pvt.,	J10-27-18, Dodge			Pvt.,	J10-26-18, Dodge
2650796	Olson, August			3337646	Strouse, Lester		
		Pvt.,	J10-21-18, Sherman			Pvt.,	J10-27-18, T3-20-19
2814458	Parks, John			2076226	Thimmesch, Mathew		
		Pvt.,	J10-27-18, T11-15-18			Pvt.,	J10-27-18, Dodge
2055336	Paulson, Marcellus			2661519	Thor, Carl		
		Pvt.,	J10-27-18, T11-15-18			Pvt.,	J10-21-18, T10-21-18
1969169	Pries, John			2661658	Tompkins, Lawrence		
		Pvt.,	J10-21-18, Sherman			Pvt.,	J10-17-18, W10-21-18
3336383	Plyman, Thomas			2084046	Tornquist, William		
		Pvt.,	J10-25-18, W11-10-18			Pvt.,	J10-25-18, Grant
3171469	Richards, Allen			2084397	Veaux, Martin B.		
		Pvt.,	J10-21-18, T10-31-18			Pvt.,	J10-25-18, Dodge
2829336	Riddle, Bernard			3485827	Weberg, Knut A.		
		Pvt.,	J10-27-18, Grant			Sgt.,	J10-17-18, W10-21-18
3752494	Rill, Russell			2299849	Weir, Thomas		
		Pvt.,	J10-25-18, Grant			Pvt.,	J10-25-18, S3-25-19
2154657	Rohlef, Henry			2299841	Wild, Albert		
		Pvt.,	J10-17-18, W10-21-18			Pvt.,	J10-21-18, T3-20-19
2079867	Rowley, John C.			3329836	Wilson, Thomas		
		Pvt.,	J10-26-18, Grant			Pvt.,	J10-25-18, Grant
3754010	Russell, Howard S.			3487340	Woods, Harry		
		Pvt.,	J10-25-18, Grant			Pvt.,	J10-21-18, Meade
2299640	Sawicki, Peter.			2092322	Young, Elmer		
		Pvt.,	J10-21-18, Dix			Pvt.,	J10-26-18, Dodge
2830686	Schleinhege, Herman			2818880	Youngren, Oscar		
		Pvt.,	J10-27-18, T10-31-18			Pvt.,	J10-25-18, Grant
3329219	Schmeider, Nicholas			2958977	Zook, Levi.		
		Pvt.,	J10-25-18, Grant			Pvt.,	J10-25-18, Grant
3337734	Schmidt, Fritz						
		Pvt.,	J10-27-18, T11-30-18				

CHAPTER XXXV

ROSTERS OF SUPPLY COMPANY

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY,
MAY 30, 1918, ASSIGNED TO SUPPLY COMPANY.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2059960	Adams, Williams	Pvt.	T9-20-18	1386154	Hintz, William J.	Wag.	W8-26-18
1386122	Aldridge, George P.	Mess Sgt.	Grant	1386155	Hoepfner, Charles E.	Wag.	Grant
2059955	Alt, Frank H., Jr.	Sp. Sgt.	Grant	1387066	Johannesen, Louis	Cook	Grant
1386137	Baranowski, Joseph	Wagoner	Grant	1386156	Johnson, Charles A.	Wag.	W2-2-19
2063386	Bartholomew, Roy W.	Wag.	Grant	1386115	Johnson, Thure A.	Wag.	Grant
1386138	Bjornson, August J.	Wag.	S8-2-18	1386157	Joslin, Milton	Mech.	Grant
1386139	Blunt, Howard W.	Wag.	Grant	1386131	Joy, Morrison E.	Sad.	Grant
1386140	Boettcher, Albert	Wag.	Grant	1386114	Julian, Frank	Wag.	S4-10-19
1386114	Boettcher, Fred	Wag.	Grant	2059966	Kantor, Saul S.	Cpl.	Grant
1386141	Brankley, Jacob	Wag.	Grant	1386209	Kantor, Saul	Cpl.	Grant
2063676	Breckler, Harry A.	Wag.	Grant	1386158	Keating, Thomas F.	Pvt.	Grant
1386620	Bremer, Alfred	Wag.	Grant	1386576	Kelley, Merrill	Wag.	T12-27-18, Grant
1386142	Brown, John J.	Wag.	Grant	1386160	Kennedy, Bernard T.	Wag.	Grant
1388630	Buchik, Stanley	Pvt.	Grant	1386119	King, Edward J.	Sgt.	S10-26-18
1386143	Buzen, Gustav	Wag.	Grant	1386161	King, James T.	Wag.	Dodge
1397721	Cade, Albert F.	1st Sgt.	Grant	1386163	Klukas, William G.	Wag.	Grant
1974329	Cardiff, Elmer C.	Pvt.	Grant	1386164	Kraft, Roy C.	Pvt.	Grant
1388073	Carney, Richard W.	Wag.	Grant	1387635	Krieger, Charles	Reg. Sp. Sgt.	Grant
2063207	Carr, James J.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386225	Kris, Joseph	Wag.	S4-2-19
1386144	Clifford, Charles P.	Wag.	Grant	2065222	Kuether, William F.	Wag.	Grant
1386206	Compton, Harry C.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1387765	Lachaye, Harvey M.	Cook	S12-29-18
1977497	Connelly, James A.	Wag.	Sherman	1387165	Lakeberg, Walter A.	Cpl.	Grant
2063679	Coonrad, Lester R.	Wag.	Grant	1386167	Laozynski, Frank J.	Wag.	Grant
1387050	Cross, Harry C.	Pvt.	Grant	1386165	Laskowski, Anthony	Wag.	Grant
1386145	Dahlberg, Walter B.	Wag.	Grant	1386121	Lathrop, Alfred W.	Wag.	T12-27-18
2063562	Danielson, Ever M.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386226	Laydon, Thomas	Wag.	Grant
1386129	DeHart, Robert	Cook	Grant	1165532	Leiser, Oscar A.	Reg. Sp. Sgt.	Grant
1386218	Donnenwaldt, Charles F.	Pvt. 1cl.	T5-4-19	2061179	Letto, Walter C.	Sp. Sgt.	S1-10-19
1386120	Dillon, James J.	Pvt.	Devens	1387168	Lind, Herbert	Pvt.	Grant
1386217	Dini, Clayton B.	Wag.	Grant	1388092	Loynachan, Will	Cook	Grant
1386146	Dolezal, Frank B.	Wag.	Grant	1386228	Luccarini, Julius	Cook	Grant
1367762	Doolen, Oscar	Wag.	Grant	1386169	Ludwig, Howard K.	Cpl.	Grant
1386147	Dooley, Steve G.	Wag.	Grant	1386170	Lyons, George E., Jr.	Wag.	Grant
1388207	Dorfler, Clarence H.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant	1386171	McCann, John J.	Wag.	Grant
1388386	Dratwa, Steve J.	Pvt.	Grant	2078832	McCoy, Everett V.	Pvt.	Grant
2066835	Eckert, Chester	Pvt.	Grant	1386132	McGovern, Edmond	Cobbler	Grant
1385867	Erber, Edward	Pvt.	Custer	1386172	McGrath, Andrew E.	Mech.	Grant
1977694	Featherston, Callie	Wag.	Sherman	1386173	McParland, James I.	Wag.	Grant
2063300	Feldhusen, Henry G.	Wag.	T5-15-19	1386174	McQuade, James D.	Wag.	D4-4-19
1386815	Fowler, Horace E.	Cook	Grant	1386992	McTaggart, Edward J.	Pvt. 1cl.	T1-3-19
1386148	Foy, John J.	Sgt.	Grant	1386175	Malings, Robert H.	Wag.	Grant
1387198	Frillman, Arthur	Wag.	Grant	1386229	Mannusack, Michael	Wag.	Grant
2060990	Gallagher, Thomas	Wag.	Grant	1386133	Martin, Anton	Cobbler	Grant
1386219	Gasse, John F.	Cook	Grant	1386991	Martin, Frank M.	Pvt. 1cl.	Grant
1386125	Gillam, Charles A.	Horseshoer	Grant	1388784	Matteson, William B.	Sup. Sgt.	Grant
1386156	Gintowt, Thaddeus	Wag.	Grant	1386177	Maxwell, Ray J.	Wag.	S10-26-18
1386220	Glick, Meyer	Pvt.	Grant	1388441	Monzenberg, Herman F.	Horseshoer	Grant
2061300	Goldstein, Morris	Pvt.	W8-26-18	2063701	Miess, Lawrence N.	Wag.	S2-2-19
1386123	Gordon, Albert A.	Cpl.	T11-26-18	1386179	Milowski, Frank	Wag.	K8-24-19
1386151	Gorkowski, Bruno J.	Wag.	Grant	1386543	Miltram, Alfred E.	Pvt.	Grant
1386221	Grady, Walter P.	Wag.	Grant	2156742	Mosbey, Glenn G.	Horseshoer	Dodge
1386152	Gray, William A.	Wag.	Grant	1387936	Muliarchik, Luka	Cook	Grant
1386128	Halpin, Joseph A.	Wag.	Grant	1386180	Mullen, Earl L.	Wag.	Grant
1386153	Hampton, Gordon C.	Pvt.	Grant				
1386117	Hanley, Thomas E., Jr.	Reg. Sp. Sgt.	Grant				
2151596	Hanson, Arnold	Pvt.	Dodge				
2061012	Heidinger, John F.	Wag.	Grant				
1386062	Hilton, James W.	Wag.	Grant				

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Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1396347	Murphy, Daniel A.	Wag., Grant	1386259	Shepard, Lyman	Pvt., T12-27-18
2155123	Murray, Charles A.			1401020	Shippy, Howard H.	....	Wag., Grant
			Horseshoer, Dodge	1386192	Sick, John	....	Wag., S3-20-19
1386181	Myler, Taylor M.	....	Wag., Grant	1386313	Simpson, Roy R.	....	Sgt., T7-27-18
1386232	Nachenberg, Abe	....	Pvt., Grant	1386193	Slachetka, Walter A.	....	Wag., Grant
1386233	Nelson, Frank	....	Wag., T12-27-18	2060918	Smoczynski, Joseph, Jr.	....	Pvt., Grant
2058154	Oft, John G.	....	Wag., Grant	2067223	Solberg, Bertin E.	....	Pvt., Grant
1386182	O'Gara, Edward J.	....	Wag., S10-26-18	1386240	Soukup, James	....	Pvt. 1cl., Grant
1386183	Olson, Adolph F.	....	Wag., Grant	1386194	Sowers, Harry D.	....	Wag., Grant
2053544	Olson, Joseph	....	Wag., Grant	1388783	Staib, Fred E.	....	Ord. Sgt., Grant
1388306	O'Toole, Michael J.	....	Grant	1386195	Steben, Herman	....	Wag., Grant
1386124	Pantane, Joseph		Horseshoer, Grant	1386465	Stewart, John A.	....	Wag., S2-6-19
1386311	Peck, Charles H.			1388486	Stoehr, Alfred O.	Pvt. 1cl.,	WS-2-18
			Reg. Sp. Sgt., Grant	2060938	Suhr, William	....	Wag., Grant
2057995	Prelm, Albert W.	Pvt. 1cl.,	T5-4-19	1386196	Sullivan, Glenn E.	....	Wag., Grant
1388786	Price, William A.	....	Pvt., Grant	1386289	Svec, Frank	....	Cook, Grant
1386235	Rano, Charles P.	....	Wag., S4-5-19	1386130	Thoma, Clarence E.	....	Sad., Grant
1386187	Raziewski, Anton T.	Wag.,	T12-27-18	1387255	Thomas, William H.	....	Pvt., Grant
1386134	Robin, Albert J.	....	Mech., Grant	1386197	Tice, James I.	....	Wag., T9-20-18
2063236	Ryan, Ambrose J.	....	Wag., Grant	1386198	Trindel, Curtis S.	....	Wag., Sherman
1386236	Ryan, Clarence S.	....	Wag., Grant	1401021	Truper, Stanley	....	Wag., Grant
1386188	Sackett, Raymond L.	....	Cpl., Grant	1386242	Vender, Morris	....	Wag., Grant
1386241	Satuba, Peter	....	Pvt. 1cl., T5-4-19	1386723	Voights, Otto	....	Wag., Grant
1386189	Savko, Andrew	....	Wag., Grant	1386201	Wagner, Paul A.	....	Wag., Grant
1401019	Schaffer, James A.	....	Wag., T12-27-18	1388416	Weden, Carl A.	....	Cpl., Dix
2063332	Schildt, Ernest F.	Pvt. 1cl.,		1386202	Westphal, Floyd L.	....	Wag., T12-27-18
1386338	Schroeder, Arthur S.	Pvt. 1cl.,	S5-13-19	1386203	Wetter, Max J.	....	Stab. Sgt., Grant
2063426	Schultz, Ernest	....	Wag., Grant	1386204	White, Claude I.	....	Cpl., Grant
1387190	Schuman, William G.	....	Wag., Grant	1386243	Wille, Edwin	....	Wag., Grant
1386191	Seaton, William J.	....	Wag., Grant	1386512	Williams, Otto J.	....	Sgt., Grant
1387953	Shaw, Byron C.	....	Wag., Grant	1401022	Wypych, Anton	....	Wag., Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT
DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED LATER IN FRANCE
AND ASSIGNED TO SUPPLY COMPANY.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1386176	Maloney, Charles B.			1386200	Urbanski, Paul P		
			Wag., J7-20-18, Grant				Wag., J7-5-18, Grant
1386230	Merecke, John	Pvt.,	J7-22-18, Grant	1386205	Wirsching, Joseph		
1386118	Thomas, Arthur						Wag., J6-15-18, Grant
			Pvt., J7-6-18, S10-28-18				

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS TRANSFERRED TO 131ST INFANTRY, AFTER ARRIVAL
IN FRANCE, AND ASSIGNED TO SUPPLY COMPANY.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
3078852	Ferrel, Hobart C.			2151151	McElfresh, Carl N.	....	Wag., Dodge
			Wag., J9-15-18, Taylor	2158179	Will, Martin J.	....	Wag., Dodge
2151834	Grandt, Hans C.	....	Wag., Dodge				

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED THE 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS
REPLACEMENTS AND ASSIGNED TO SUPPLY COMPANY.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2601254	Householder, William A.	Pvt.,	Dix	2871462	Pickens, Lee	Pvt.,	J12-27-18, Pike
3497488	Heming, Lewis T.	....	Pvt., Gordon				

CHAPTER XXXVI

ROSTERS OF MEDICAL DETACHMENT

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO ARRIVED IN FRANCE WITH 131ST INFANTRY, MAY 30, 1918. ASSIGNED TO MEDICAL DETACHMENT.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1388738	Armano, Fortunato F. G.			1388769	Kaspar, William J.	Pvt., Grant	
		Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1388750	Keane, Christopher W.		
1388739	Backus, Edwin.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant			Pvt.,	W10-10-18
2067564	Barton, Eliot S.			1388751	Kessler, Edward W.	Pvt.,	Grant
		Pvt., Ft. D. A. Russell		1388752	Klein, Bernard J.	Pvt.,	Grant
1388764	Baxter, William D.	Pvt.,	Grant	2067548	Krueger, Ernest F.	Pvt.,	Dodge
1388756	Beard, Joseph G.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1388753	Labich, Henry R.	Pvt.,	Grant
2067566	Beese, Ernest R.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388754	Lindsay, Charles W.	Pvt.,	Grant
2067359	Benedel, Alva G.	Pvt.,	Sherman	1388755	McCullough, Harry C.	Pvt.,	Grant
2068069	Bova, Michael.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388756	McCullough, William B.		
1388741	Brumleve, Robert P.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant			Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
2067360	Brunson, Ernest S.	Pvt.,	S10-26-18	1388757	McDavitt, Joseph M.	Pvt.,	Grant
1388765	Burson, Leon S.	Pvt.,	K8-12-18	1388781	Nichols, Donald S.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1388742	Campbell, Archie.	Pvt. 1cl.,	S4-1-19	1388772	Page, Harry B.	Pvt.,	Grant
1388734	Carlson, Rudolph C.			1388773	Pappas, Gust L.	Pvt.,	Grant
		Sgt. 1cl.,	T5-1-19	1388774	Platner, Milroy J.	Pvt.,	Grant
1388766	Ciorionu, John I.	Pvt.,	Grant	1388758	Randle, Mason M.	Pvt. 1cl.,	T5-1-19
1388767	Danopoulos, Constantine.	Pvt.,	Dix	1388759	Robie, Ellsworth T.	Pvt.,	T2-3-19
1388744	DeLay, Willis A.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1388760	Rowell, George W.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1388745	Doyle, Francis J.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1388775	Shaffer, Daniel K.	Pvt.,	Bowie
1388746	Ellis, Mason L.	Pvt. 1cl.,	T5-10-19	1388735	Sherlock, Charles W.	Sgt.,	Grant
1388736	Gallagher, Stephen S.	Sgt.,	T5-1-19	1388777	Sheehan, Eugene B.	Pvt.,	Grant
1388737	Harris, Harvie D.	Sgt.,	Grant	1388761	Stafford, Warren L.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1388747	Holmes, Herbert H.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1388762	Turner, Frederick H.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1388748	Hopps, Robert E.	Pvt. 1cl.,	T11-15-18	1388763	Winters, Lee E.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant
1388749	Hunt, James T.	Pvt. 1cl.,	Grant	1388778	Wolk, Edward H.	Pvt.,	Grant
2067744	Johnson, Elmer.	Pvt.,	W8-13-18	1386569	Zuckerman, Isaac A.	Pvt.,	S1-12-19

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO BELONGED TO 131ST INFANTRY IN U. S. A., BUT DID NOT SAIL WITH REGIMENT. REJOINED ORGANIZATION LATER IN FRANCE AND ASSIGNED TO MEDICAL DETACHMENT.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
2067941	Burns, John J.		
		Pvt.,	J7-18-18, S9-20-18

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS TRANSFERRED TO 131ST INFANTRY, AFTER ARRIVAL IN FRANCE, AND ASSIGNED TO MEDICAL DETACHMENT.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1385054	Curran, Robert		
		Pvt. 1cl.,	J12-27-18, Grant

ROSTER OF SOLDIERS WHO JOINED THE 131ST INFANTRY IN FRANCE AS REPLACEMENTS, AND ASSIGNED TO MEDICAL DETACHMENT.

Number	Name	Rank	Disposition	Number	Name	Rank	Disposition
1581170	Anderson, Patrick			1416602	Kirk, Glen T.	Pvt.,	J12-30-18, Bowie
		Pvt.,	J12-30-18, Sherman	1442608	Krage, Clarence W.		
1442601	Cooper, Ernest.	Pvt.,	J-1-2-19, Grant			Pvt.,	J12-30-18, Dodge
4144298	DiPerto, Thomas S.			1442610	LeVasseur, Leon M.		
		Pvt.,	J10-9-18, Upton			Pvt.,	J12-30-18, Dodge
485255	Dunphy, Stephen			4141230	Fortunato, Nicola		
		Pvt.,	J9-19-18, Dodge			Pvt.,	J10-9-18, Upton
3727637	Grimley, Frederick						
		Pvt.,	J10-9-18, Upton				





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